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# Environmental Impact Analysis Process



FINAL ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT

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VERBATIM TRANSCRIPT OF A STATEMENT BY  
STATE REPRESENTATIVE ELMER TARBOX

Thank you, Colonel and gentlemen. If I may broadly, just a little bit, my present responsibilities are to the Transportation Committee of the State of Texas and I'm head of the Subcommittee on Aviation, and I'd like to preface here by saying that our people in the State of Texas that are aware of this and they want to send their endorsement of it that Reese stay here during this period--I'm jumbling up a little bit, excuse me--but myself, I am a past lieutenant colonel and in the Reserve and located here in Lubbock, and I believe, with going over the facts and the situation we have in Lubbock here, that we hope to convince you that Lubbock and Reese is an ideal place and location. Now, the reason we take that stand is that, of course, monetarily, there is income that comes from Reese which we appreciate, and surveying the whole situation, we decided that we can't do without Reese because you do two things to us. You enjoin and go with us in all of our city projects; Reese has always for some reason come out first--and of course I know it's due to the compatibility and organization--but anything that Lubbock has put on here in the last several years, Reese comes forward and helps us. Now, that's while you're in the service. Now, when you get out of the service, you're furnishing us a lot of manpower, leadership manpower that we've got to have. For instance, we now have Colonel Morganti, the number 3 man to the president of Texas Tech University, and we have men all up and down our organizational structure from the service and because they'd been at Reese and because they'd seen the community. So actually--of course, like I mentioned earlier, there's money and everything like that involved, but honestly I believe the greatest contribution that Reese is doing to this area--I'm repeating myself--is giving us organizational guidance and leadership now, and then when the officers and personnel get out of the service they come back here and live with us, and we've got to have them because we're a scarcely populated area and good leadership just doesn't grow on trees or anything like that. So we want those two factors to be really evaluated. And it's not only Lubbock that's gaining monetarily, but we're gaining personnel. I believe if you'll run a check with your personnel out here you'll find a positive situation all the way. Of course, once in a while you'll have a negative thing to come up, but that's part of life. And if there's any questions, of course I'll try my best to answer them. But from the positive standpoint, Reese can't close, because you mean more to us in dollars, and I think with that kind of attitude that you probably evaluate us a little bit more because we're not after the dollar, we're after the human being and the way it's taken care of in our structure.

(Statement attached)

Tarbox

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My name is Elmer Tarbox. I am State Representative for this district of Texas. On behalf of myself and for the people I represent I wish to go on record as strongly opposed to the closure of Reese Air Force Base under any circumstances.

The closure of Reese Air Force Base would impose on the community and a vast surrounding area extensive economic problems. In addition to the loss of the payroll money there would be the loss of millions of dollars spent in the community for procurement of supplies. These losses alone would have a ripple effect on the economy hard to overcome. It would be reflected in the banking industry, real estate, schools, retailing and wholesaleing, tax collections and other areas.

However, the greatest loser in the event of closure would be the United States Air Force because of the tremendous advantages Lubbock has to offer Reese and the fact there is already such a tremendous investment in buildings and equipment at Reese which would be a total loss. As an elected public official I am very conscious of the need to conserve the tax dollar, using it in the most effective and efficient manner. Failure to utilize what we already have would be a tremendous waste.

Just one brief illustration would be the abandonment of numerous new buildings and equipment such as the new administration building, police security building, recently built supply facility, a modern hospital, enlisted men, non-commissioned officers and officers clubs, theatre, gymnasium and chapel. One of the largest wastes would be failure to utilize the new multi-million dollar pilot training simulator building which has been recently completed and is now being made ready for training. Other facilities which would be wasted would be the excellent runways and air traffic control facilities.

May I urge that you give this matter careful consideration and continue to utilize Reese Air Force Base as one of the major pilot training installations in the training command. It is operational, efficient and effective.

VERBATIM TRANSCRIPT OF A STATEMENT BY  
FROY SALINAS, STATE REPRESENTATIVE ELECT

Thank you, Colonel. We certainly are glad to have you here in Lubbock. I think that a couple of things I will say you already know; that is, that there's millions of dollars already invested here by the Government. We are proud of Reese Air Base, of the facility and the training base that it is. We feel like that the Air Force realizes that the weather in West Texas is very favorable for flying, and for that reason I'm sure that this was one of the reasons that you came to Lubbock. As far as leaving, we would like for you to stay very much. In the area of jobs, several people in my district work at Reese Air Base. There are some 700 civilian employees out there. Many of them live in my district, the district that I have been elected to represent, and my district already has a high unemployment, so the impact of Reese leaving would be damaging to my district, to say the least, and as a representative of that district I would certainly urge you to stay. I would like to add also that the relationship between Reese Air Base and this community has been very good, as evidenced by many of the people that retire at Reese stay in our community, and that tells you something. That tells me that the people of Reese that come to Lubbock find Lubbock to be a friendly community, and I feel like this community has worked closely with Reese in an effort to get along. In the area of civic-mindedness, Reese has certainly come through for us in projects such as United Way. Other projects, in 1970 when we had the devastating tornado, the help that Reese provided immediately after that disaster was something that sometimes we take for granted. We didn't know how much equipment they had out there until we saw their equipment, and their men, some of them I'm sure giving their own time, out helping us clean up our community once the disaster had struck. So these are some of the things I want to express to you, and one of the things that concerns me most would be the fact that the jobs that the Air Base creates, especially in my district, which is a district that has a higher unemployment than the rest of the community--the rest of the State, for that matter--would be damaged by this, and I would urge you to please consider staying with us in our community.

Salinas

VERBATIM TRANSCRIPT OF A STATEMENT BY  
T. J. PATTERSON, President, East Lubbock Business Association

Thank you, Colonel. A quick background of myself, I've been in Lubbock over 20 years, and being so, I've been quite familiar with the economic situation with regard to the city of Lubbock, and the closing of Reese Air Force Base would have economic implications on the residents that I'm primarily committed to. Of course, I'm concerned about the total city of Lubbock, Texas, but at the same time, a great number of blacks are employed by Reese Air Force Base, and the economic situation would be tremendous in regard to a decline in opportunities for persons of the black community. However, I must underline this is our city and what affects one particular segment of the community affects the entire city, so the East Lubbock Business Association will go on record against the idea of Reese Air Force Base being curtailed, because of the economic implication that would be seen here by its citizens, sir. And I also am involved in activities of the community and in doing so, as I always say, what the whispering grass is, I'm quite familiar with it, and understanding how people would be hurt and how people would be derailed on the economic ladder, that's what we're concerned about, sir.

Patterson

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VERBATIM TRANSCRIPT OF A STATEMENT BY  
STATE SENATOR KENT HANCE

Thank you very much. I appreciate your all being here and listening to our testimony. I have on file with you a record, a letter of my statements earlier. One thing that I would like to point out that I think is very significant is the State has made a substantial investment in the West Texas area, especially in Lubbock through Texas Tech and also through our medical school facilities. We think that we will continue, and hope to continue, to make substantial investments in this area, and to the benefit to the Air Force and also to the nation, of having this close relationship with the Air Force Base as well as the college, a major school where your officers that desire a Master's or even Ph.D.'s, that they have the facilities here to obtain those. And also the possible effects of the medical school. I know that primarily what I was going to say had to do with economic impact, and that's what my statement that I filed with you does rely on primarily, and of course it would have a substantial effect on this community if we were to lose that base, and we think that it's a good investment. And in this day and time it's easy, especially in campaigns, everybody's against taxes and everybody's against spending, but I do realize the good job that the Air Force is doing and that if there's ever been a good investment for this country it's for the safety and the security and the defense. We appreciate the job that you all are doing, and will be more than happy to answer any questions. If we can ever help you all as far as state government's concerned, we're dedicated to doing everything possible to keep the good relationship between the city, the state, and federal government here. Thank you very much.

Hance

VERBATIM TRANSCRIPT OF A STATEMENT BY  
VERNON (BUDDY) BARRON  
PRESIDENT, LUBBOCK CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

Colonel Smith, members of the panel, I'm Buddy Barron, President of the Lubbock Chamber of Commerce. I have served as chairman of a special committee composed of representatives of the Chamber, representing the City of Lubbock, Lubbock County, and other citizens' groups in compiling a report relative to the draft environmental impact statement concerning the proposed closure of two Air Force pilot training bases. Even though a large number of people will speak to the draft environmental impact statement, we felt that by combining the thinking of the representatives mentioned above in one report, which incidentally is 62 pages in length, would serve as valuable input to your fact-gathering material. I do have some statements I would like to make relative to the report before it is presented to you.

We strongly oppose any proposal to close Reese Air Force Base, because in our opinion it will not only have an extremely adverse effect on the economy of the Lubbock area, but will also be detrimental to the mission of the Air Training Command of the Department of Air Force, which is the training of top quality pilots with the greatest efficiency at the minimum possible cost. In connection with economy, it should be noted that Lubbock and this area have enjoyed a steady growth rate with a strong economy during the past year. One of the stabilizing effects has been the economic contributions made by military personnel and their dependents and the civilian employees at Reese Air Force Base. Some 2,800 military and civilian employees at Reese make it one of the four or five largest employers in the area. The payroll approximating 33 million dollars represents a substantial contribution to the economy of this area. It is estimated that this payroll generates 13.2 million in retail sales, which in turn accounts for about 660 thousand dollars in sales taxes alone. It is also estimated that 3 percent of the property tax revenue is from Reese Air Force Base personnel. Significant amounts of Federal impact money is received by local school districts. In 1974 more than 5 million dollars of PL 81-974 money was distributed in the area, with area school districts receiving more than a quarter of a million dollars. In addition to the direct impact on the economy, each on-base job generates additional economic activity in demands for goods and services. Approximately 1,760 jobs in the community can be attributed to the economic activities generated by Reese. In addition to the jobs, payrolls, retail sales, tax revenues, and indirect stimulation of the economy account for more than 2 1/2 million in base procurement contracts awarded in that area. In summary, it can be seen that Reese Air Force Base plays a vital role in the local and regional economics.

Barron

The tremendous facilities at Reese Air Base is another reason why its closing would be detrimental to the Air Force in accomplishing the mission of training the best possible pilots. The excellent runways, air traffic control facilities, new administration building, classroom teaching facilities, the new multi-million dollar pilot training simulator building, a new police security building, and added supply facilities, to say nothing of the auxiliary buildings and equipment which lend themselves to the happiness and quality of life of the military. These include such things as community centers, gymnasiums, chapels, theaters, hospitals, and clubs.

Thus far I have confined my remarks to what the base has to offer our community and region. Now I would like to point out some of the advantages that Lubbock has to offer Reese and the Air Force in the Air Training Command. One of these would have to be the fine weather, ideal for flying. There are 3,550 hours of sunshine hours each year. Normal average temperature is 59.7 degrees, with an average high of 73.1 degrees and an average low of 45.3. Average wind velocity is only 11.3 miles per hour. The city offers excellent job opportunities to military personnel in their off-duty hours, and for their dependents. Dependents have no difficulty in finding employment in the fields of retailing, wholesaling, manufacturing, teaching, nursing, real estate, secretarial and clerical positions. Lubbock also has excellent housing facilities for military personnel, which eliminates the necessity of the Government building extensive and costly housing on base. At the present time there are approximately 550 homes being offered on the market, and there are some 24,000 apartments, duplexes, quadruplexes, and other rental units available. Occupancy of the rental units is such that all needs of the military can be cared for.

Of great significance is the tremendous community-base relationships, providing an environment ideal for training purposes. Ever since Reese Air Base was opened we have been in an enviable position as far as relationship between the military and the community. In fact, several years ago the Secretary of Air Force issued a citation in appreciation to the Lubbock Chamber of Commerce for rendering meritorious service to the Air Force and its unselfish devotion to public responsibility.

Excellent educational facilities, including institutions of higher education, are available to the military. Banking and savings and loan associations are more than adequate to care for the financial needs of all persons concerned on the base. Lubbock is one of the leading medical centers in the Southwest. These outstanding facilities and highly specialized doctors associated with them are available to supplement on-base facilities and to handle cases that could not be treated at Reese Air Base. The tremendous transportation facilities Lubbock has to offer military personnel and their dependents is another great advantage Reese Air Force Base has by being located here. The new, modern regional airport is served

Barron

by four airlines providing 48 arrivals and departures daily. Two railroads serve Lubbock, providing excellent freight service throughout the nation. The highway network serving the city provides access to the entire Southwest. These highways, radiating in all directions, connect with numerous other military installations, which is of great significance. Excellent bus service and motor freight service is also provided and utilizes this network of highways.

In conclusion, let me emphasize that Lubbock is vitally concerned about the impact of closing Reese Air Force Base, but we are equally concerned, however, about the Air Force being able to accomplish its mission of efficiently training the best possible pilots. We know that Reese Air Force Base is doing this. It should also be noted that the base and community are capable of handling effectively and efficiently the training of any additional pilots that might be assigned here as a result of closing bases elsewhere.

There are a number of other people who will speak here this evening, and I know that you will find additional data from them. I would like at this time, if I might, to read a telegram from Congressman George Mahon, who represents this area and who is Chairman of the House Appropriations Committee, the Subcommittee for Defense Appropriations. He is vitally interested in the program of the Air Force at Reese Air Force Base, and has asked me to express his deep interest in the future of the base. Congressman Mahon was a chief factor in the location of Reese Air Force Base in the early years and has worked with the city and the Air Force in an effort to enable the base to make a major contribution to the Air Force. The base has constantly modernized through the years, and Congressman Mahon takes pride in the progress which has been made. Congressman Mahon's telegram reads as follows:

(Telegram attached)

A communication is forthcoming from Texas Governor Dolph Briscoe in which he will respectfully request that because of economic impact and the fact that he feels that Reese Air Force Base can continue to accomplish its mission of turning out the best possible pilots with greater ease, efficiency, and economy, that Reese Air Force Base not be considered for closure.

Gentlemen, I do sincerely appreciate appearing before you tonight. I would like to submit this for your permanent files.

(Booklet attached)

Barron



# Telegram

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I regret that my schedule is such that I cannot be present for the hearing tonight. I want to associate myself with the statements which are being made by representatives of the City of Lubbock. Reese Air Force Base is doing a great job for the Air Force and we must make sure that it continues to fulfill its mission. It is well known in Air Force circles that the people of Lubbock and Lubbock County have given maximum support to the base through the years.

Signed: George Mahon  
Member of Congress

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November 1, 1976

Special Assistant for Environmental Quality  
Office of the Secretary of the Air Force (SAF/ILE)  
Washington, D. C. 20330

Dear Sir:

The Lubbock Chamber of Commerce in cooperation with the City Council of Lubbock, the Lubbock County Commissioners Court and citizens of the area, respectfully submit the following statements relative to the Draft Environmental Impact Statement which names Reese Air Force Base as one of several alternates to the proposed closure of Webb Air Force Base, Texas and Craig Air Force Base, Alabama.

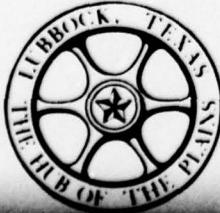
We strongly oppose any proposal to close Reese Air Force Base because in our opinion it will not only have an adverse environmental impact on the economy of the Lubbock area, but will also be detrimental to the mission of the Air Training Command of the Department of the Air Force, which is the training of top quality military pilots with the greatest efficiency and the minimum possible cost.

Our statement regarding this matter is divided into two sections. The first deals with data contained in the Draft Environmental Impact Statement and the second deals with advantages that Lubbock has to offer Reese Air Force Base and the U. S. Air Force.

We respectfully request that careful consideration be given to all of the material submitted, which we believe will substantiate our contention that Reese Air Force Base should not be considered any further as an alternate to the proposed pilot training base closures.

Sincerely yours,

*Vernon B. Barron*  
Vernon B. Barron, President  
Lubbock Chamber of Commerce



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**SECTION I**  
**STATEMENTS RELATING**

**TO THE**

**DRAFT ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT**

**DEPARTMENT OF THE AIR FORCE**

1. ANALYSIS AND FINDINGS OF NOISE AND POLLUTION, AND THE  
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## CAPITAL INVESTMENTS (AFERN 1.2)

The first Undergraduate Pilot Training simulator facility constructed at an Air Force base is located at Reese Air Force Base.

The new building is three stories high and measures 329 feet at its greatest width, and 200 feet at its greatest depth. Its total 75,887 square feet will make it the largest building at Reese. The total cost of the structure is 4 million dollars.

Computers and simulators are scheduled to begin arriving in mid-November. One of the four visual boards to be utilized has been installed and the second is in the beginning stages. The installation of the visuals is being conducted by American Airlines.

Visuals will cost a total of 13.6 million dollars and the simulators themselves close to 18.6 million dollars, making a total project equipment cost of 32.2 million dollars.

Upon completion, the project will house four training areas and motion bases that will permit the simultaneous training of eight student pilots in each of the T-37 and T-38 simulator cockpits. By June 1977, all simulators are expected to be installed and operational. The building is designed to be utilized 24 hours a day, 7 days a week once the units are installed. These units will give the student pilot the complete simulation of flight without the possibility of accidents and the high consumption of fuel.

Because the pilot training simulator facility at Reese Air Force Base was the first located at an Air Base, Reese was given the job of doing the initial testing of equipment and training procedures. This is being done at an additional cost of millions of dollars.

In the event Reese Air Force Base is closed, this tremendous, highly technical training facility, the millions of dollars in building and equipment and the cost of testing and training would be a highly detrimental loss to the Air Force.

## WATER (AFERN 3.2)

Reese A.F.B. obtains its main water supply from the City of Lubbock, and the City of Lubbock's main supply is surface water from Lake Meredith. The amount of water used by Reese A.F.B. is not over 1½ per cent of the total water used by the City of Lubbock.

A reserve water supply is available from water obtained from the Ogallala aquifer. However, since this source of water is used only to supplement the surface supply, the water used by Reese does not contribute to the lowering of the water table of this aquifer.

METEOROLOGY (AFERN 3.3.1)

In the Draft Environmental Impact Statement it states that Reese Air Force Base lies in "tornado alley" and that "dust storms are another hazard which billows across the area causing an erosion problem which is difficult to control." It is our opinion that these statements are highly exaggerated and would lead persons unfamiliar with the area to believe that life and the mission are in peril at Reese Air Force Base.

The attached map of tornado tracts in the United States for the period 1930-1974 indicates that the hazard from tornados is limited and that the situation is as bad or worse in areas where other bases under consideration are located. For instance no mention is made in the statements of Craig and Columbus that tornados are prevalent. The statement for Craig says: "No unique weather conditions or extreme phenomena exist." The TAB A-1 from Columbus states: "Occasionally, severe winds occur and during the past 5-6 years a small tornado crossed the Southeast edge of the base." It is recommended that a more realistic review be made of this section.

Even though some dust storms do occur in the spring and early summer, the number of hours and days of blowing dust does not create a serious problem, as indicated on the chart which follows. This chart also contains other climate information which is beneficial to Reese Air Force Base.

A DETAILED TORNADO MAP OF THE U.S.  
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CLIMATE INFORMATION

1975	Sunshine Hours	Rain Amount	Dust Hours	Average Wind	Average Temperature		
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January	214.7/316.5	.41	28	11.7	54.3	40.8	27.2
February	181.2/307.5	1.53	2	11.8	54.2	41.0	27.8
March	268.6/371.4	.04	49	14.0	65.3	49.5	33.7
April	270.7/390.8	.45	25	13.3	73.8	58.7	43.6
May	324.3/431.1	2.74	17	12.8	81.7	67.6	53.5
June	309.4/430.6	1.80	15	13.2	91.1	77.4	63.6
July	234.3/438.2	4.32	1	9.3	85.2	75.4	65.6
August	324.5/414.6	2.21	2	8.8	89.5	77.5	65.5
September	267.1/371.3	2.61	1	9.0	80.4	67.5	54.5
October	321.9/351.5	.06	0	10.5	78.9	62.5	46.0
November	248.3/313.0	1.18	19	11.2	65.3	50.3	35.2
December	212.6/308.9	.34	14	10.1	57.8	42.8	27.8
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>3177.6/4445.4</b>	<b>17.69</b>	<b>173</b>	<b>11.3</b>	<b>73.1</b>	<b>59.2</b>	<b>45.3</b>
		71% of possible	Inches	Hours			

DEMOGRAPHIC (AFERN 4.1)

In the Environmental Impact Statement under the above heading the 1973 estimated population of Lubbock was shown as 153,750. This figure should have been 159,351.

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### ECONOMIC RELATIONSHIPS BETWEEN THE BASE AND THE COMMUNITY (AFERN 4.2)

Reese Air Force Base has maintained a rather stable population during the past few years. However, the base as a whole has continued to have an increased economic impact upon the metropolitan area. This impact has been maintained through major construction projects.

The primary indicators of Reese A.F.B.'s impact on the local economy are the amount of employment its activities generate, the amount of payroll generated, retail sales and taxes which can be attributed to base personnel.

With its current strength of approximately 2,100 military and 700 civilian employees, the base is one of the largest single employers in the region. The 700 civilian jobs on the base represent 1% of the region's total of 67,600 jobs. At the same time the total yearly payroll (both military and civilian) of \$33 million represents 4% of the total area payroll of \$737.9 million.

This payroll represents the potential for an estimated \$13.2 million in retail sales, approximately 5.7% of total retail sales in the region. (Retail sales figures have been derived using a factor of 40% of total income going for retail purchases. The factor of 40% was not developed specifically for this area but is a fairly standard figure and was used for illustrative purposes.) As a result of these retail purchases, it is estimated that Reese A.F.B. personnel pay about \$660,000 in sales taxes. Base personnel also contribute significantly to local income and property tax revenues. In Lubbock, for example, where base personnel account for approximately 1.5% of the population, it is estimated that more than 3% of property tax revenue is from Reese Air Force Base personnel.

Local school districts also receive significant amounts of Federal Impact money. Over \$5,000,000 of PL 81-874 money was distributed in the area in 1974 with area school districts receiving almost \$250,000 due to the presence of base personnel in those districts.

In addition to these substantial direct inputs to the regional and local economies, there are several spinoff inputs. It is estimated that each on-base job generates sufficient economic activity and demand for services, etc., to support 0.6 off-base jobs. Thus, approximately 1,760 additional jobs in the communities can be attributed to the economic activity generated by the base. With these additional jobs included in the analysis it can be estimated that the base has a total input to the regional economy.

"Air Installation Compatible Use Zone Report". Reese Air Force Base, Texas. June, 1976

	<u>Direct On-Base</u>	<u>Indirect Off-Base</u>	<u>Total</u>
JOBs	2,835	1,760	4,595
% Region	4.3	2.6	7
PAYROLL	\$33 Mil (military/ civilian)	\$19.8 mil	\$52.8 Mil
% Region	4	2.6	6.6
RETAIL SALES	\$13.2 Mil	\$7.9 Mil	\$21.1 Mil
% Region	5.7	3.4	9.1
SALES TAXES	\$.66 Mil	\$0.39 Mil	\$1.05 Mil
% Region	5.7	3.4	9.1

Of less significance than the factors of jobs, payrolls, retail sales and tax revenues in terms of inputs to the regional economy are direct base procurements. In FY 75, \$2.6 million in base procurement contracts were awarded to the local area.

In summary, it can be seen that Reese A.F.B. plays a significant role in the regional and local economies, primarily through jobs, payroll, retail and sales and the tax revenues it generates.

"Air Installation Compatible Use Zone Report". Reese Air Force Base, Texas. June, 1976

## ECONOMIC IMPACT STUDY (AFERN 4.2)

### APPENDIX B

#### FINANCIAL SUMMARY

At the end of Fiscal Year 1975, Reese Air Force Base assets totaled \$141,000,000. Significant items were:

- \* Jet Trainers and related support equipment
- \* Housing for military families
- \* Dormitories and dining facilities for military personnel
- \* Recreation facilities
- \* Maintenance and industrial facilities
- \* 25-bed medical facility
- \* Retail outlets for active duty and retired military personnel and their families

Expenditures to supply and equip Reese Air Force Base operations in 1975 were over 25 million dollars. The fuel, supplies, and equipment to fly missions and provide support came to over \$11,600,000.

#### FINANCIAL ASSETS

ITEM	DOLLAR VALUE	%
Aircraft	\$ 81,843,181	58%
Equipment	21,082,168	15%
Buildings	19,675,000	14%
Improvements (Utilities, Runways, Roads, etc)	12,670,000	9%
Supply Inventories	3,986,687	3%
Spare Engines	1,334,184	1%
Land	562,000	-
	\$141,153,200	100%

#### UNDER CONSTRUCTION

Flight Simulator	\$ 4,049,000
Security Police Facility	309,000
Fuel Cell Maintenance Facility	338,000
Taxiway 10	204,000
	\$ 4,900,000

PLANNED

Central Base Personnel Complex  
Central Supervisory Control System  
NAVAID Shop  
Base Civil Engineer Maintenance Complex  
Precision Measurement Equipment Laboratory  
Precision Approach Radar (PAR)  
Physiological Training Facility  
Auto Maintenance Complex  
Air Surveillance Radar (PAR)  
Alter Sewage Disposal  
Photo Laboratory  
Parachute Shop

OPERATIONS AND MAINTENANCE EXPENSES

	<u>FY 1975</u>	<u>FY 1976 (Est)</u>
Storage and shipment of HH goods	\$ 19,315	\$ 20,100
Supplies and equipment	3,386,918	3,178,300
POL	8,252,685	9,703,100
Repairs and Minor Construction	846,819	931,500
Utilities, Rent, and Travel	472,150	557,800
BX Purchases for Resale	9,504,000	8,727,420
Commissary purchases for resale	1,228,572	1,277,715
Rec Services and Open Messes	617,246	671,040
Other Services and expenditures	725,520	883,686
	<u>\$25,053,225</u>	<u>\$25,950,661</u>

PAYROLLS

Officer	\$18,903,874	\$19,859,068
Enlisted	6,155,963	6,463,761
Civil Service	7,973,234	8,531,360
Non-Appropriated & Base Exchange	966,000	1,011,500
	<u>\$33,999,071</u>	<u>\$35,865,689</u>

CIVILIAN CONTRACT AWARDS

<u>LOCATION</u>	<u>DOLLAR AMOUNT</u>
Lubbock County, Texas	\$ 2,677,878
Amarillo, Texas	494,539
Dallas, Texas	1,672,346
Remainder of Texas	766,084
Out of State	2,048,689
	<u>\$ 7,069,536</u>

Number of employees who purchased an automobile in the Lubbock area during the year prior to the survey:

Military	New Used	413 568	\$2,448,000 \$1,986,000
Civilian	New Used	122 213	\$ 732,000 \$ 745,500
Total	New Used	535 781	\$3,180,000 \$2,718,000
		Total number of autos and value:	1316      \$5,898,000

Number of employees who purchased a major appliance during the year prior to the survey:

Military	1085	\$408,572
Civilian	315	\$118,396
Total	1400	\$526,968

Personnel expenditures off base:

	<u>Monthly Average</u>	<u>Monthly Total</u>	<u>Annual Total</u>
Entertainment:			
Military	\$30.29	\$65,700	\$ 788,400
Civilian	\$49.11	\$30,800	\$ 379,600
Overall	\$39.70	\$96,500	\$1,158,000
Clothing:			
Military	\$36.67	\$ 79,500	\$ 954,000
Civilian	\$48.18	\$ 30,200	\$ 362,000
Overall	\$42.43	\$109,700	\$1,316,000
Groceries:			
Military	\$ 40.69	\$ 88,200	\$1,058,400
Civilian	\$151.23	\$ 94,700	\$1,136,000
Overall	\$ 95.96	\$182,900	\$2,184,000
Miscellaneous:			
Military	\$114.78	\$248,800	\$2,986,000
Civilian	\$ 97.63	\$ 61,000	\$ 733,000
Overall	\$106.21	\$309,900	\$3,719,200

Total Expenditures All Categories:

Military	\$5,786,800
Civilian	\$2,600,600
Overall	\$8,387,400

Homeowner Information (Estimated number of employees who own a permanent structure dwelling in the local area):

Lubbock = 1,078 Military; 504 Civilian

	<u>Single Houses</u>	<u>Overall</u>
Military	381	391
Civilian	480	500
Overall	861	891

Shallowater = 39 Military; 25 Civilian

Military	19	19
Civilian	25	25
Overall	44	44

Wolfforth = 20 Military; 9 Civilian

Military	8	8
Civilian	9	9
Overall	17	17

Hurlwood = 14 Military; 13 Civilian

Military	0	0
Civilian	7	7
Overall	7	7

Carlisle = 103 Military; 20 Civilian

Military	0	0
Civilian	3	3
Overall	3	3

Levelland = 3 Military; 25 Civilian

Military	0	0
Civilian	25	25
Overall	25	25

Slaton = 6 Military; 3 Civilian

Military	0	0
Civilian	3	3
Overall	3	3

Smyer = 3 Military; 7 Civilian

Military	0	0
Civilian	7	7
Overall	7	7

NOTE: Apparent discrepancies between the total number of residents and the numbers in the single housing column are due to  
1) low response to the questionnaire from which this information was taken, and 2) some non-reported multi-family residences.

House Payments:

	Monthly Average	Monthly Avg Total	Annual Total
Military	\$188.28	\$ 71,734.68	\$ 860,816.16
Civilian	\$117.06	\$ 72,811.32	\$ 873,735.84
Overall	\$152.67	\$144,546.00	\$1,734,552.00

Estimated Value of Permanent Structures:

	Average	Total
Military	\$26,433.00	\$11,048,994
Civilian	\$19,404.00	\$11,351,340
Overall	\$22,918.50	\$22,400,334

NOTE: Average value of civilian houses is lower than military due to age of houses; 52% are 10 years or older.

Mobile Home Information (Estimated number of employees who own a mobile home):

	Number	Average Value	Total Value
Military	95	\$6,150	\$584,250
Civilian	59	\$4,500	\$265,500
Overall	144	\$5,325	\$849,750

Mobile Home Space or Lot Rent:

	<u>Monthly Average</u>	<u>Monthly Total</u>	<u>Annual Total</u>
Military	\$41.00	\$3,895	\$46,740
Civilian	\$43.00	\$2,537	\$30,444
Overall	\$42.00	\$6,432	\$77,184

Mobile Home Payments:

Military	\$112.00	\$10,640	\$127,680
Civilian	\$120.00	\$ 7,080	\$ 84,960
Overall	\$116.00	\$17,080	\$212,640

Renter Information: (Type of Rental and Average Monthly Rent)

	<u>Military</u>	<u>Civilian</u>	<u>Total</u>			
	<u>No.</u>	<u>Avg Rent</u>	<u>No.</u>	<u>Avg Rent</u>	<u>No.</u>	<u>Avg. Rent</u>
House	201	\$174	86	\$150	287	\$162
Duplex & Apt	547	\$140	40	\$160	587	\$150
Mobile Homes	120	\$131	419	\$145	169	\$138

Total Monthly and Annual Rents:

	<u>Monthly Total</u>	<u>Annual Total</u>
Military	\$127,274	\$1,727,288
Civilian	\$ 26,405	\$ 316,860
Overall	\$153,679	\$2,044,148

Utility Cost:

	<u>No. Pay Utilities</u>	<u>Monthly Average</u>	<u>Monthly Total</u>	<u>Annual Total</u>
Home Owners	997	\$47.13	\$46,988.61	\$ 563,863.32
Mobile Home Owners	144	\$24.50	\$ 3,528.00	\$ 42,336.10
Renters	1,043	\$36.56	\$90,202.76	\$1,082,433.12

Other Impacts:

School Enrollment by Residence Location:

<u>Place</u>	<u>VOC</u>	<u>Elementary</u>	<u>Jr High</u>	<u>High</u>	<u>College</u>	<u>Total</u>
Lubbock	5	426	267	207	94	999
Reese AFB		84	8	34	17	143
Levelland		5	20	15	8	48
Slaton		2	4	0	0	6
Smyer		0	7	2	0	9
Hurlwood		3	6	3	0	12
Wolfforth		12	2	3	3	20
Carlisle		28	6	5	2	41
Shallowater		26	10	20	3	59
Totals	5	586	330	289	127	1337

Federal Aid to Schools by Residence Location:

Since Texas schools are independent school districts, the following list may be slightly in error as some schools may not receive funds due to minimum restrictions. The rate of entitlement FY 1975 for:

3 (A) Pupils was 90% of \$510.17 or \$459,153;  
 3 (B) Pupils was 68% of \$255.08 or \$173,454

Lubbock	\$156,975.87
Reese AFB	57,853.28
Levelland	6,938.16
Slaton	1,040.72
Smyer	1,561.09
Hurlwood	2,081.45
Wolfforth	6,938.17
Carlisle	6,764.71
Shallowater	9,713.42

Total Federal aid funds for Reese children in the immediate area were \$249,866.87.

Percent of employees who work with local community and/or charitable organizations:

Military	08.1%
Civilian	20.3%
Total	10.8%

Percent of employees who attend religious services in the local community:

Military	70.7%
Civilian	40.3%
Total	47.2%

POLICE COMMUNITY (AFERN 4.3.5.1)

Even though the Federal Government has jurisdiction over Reese Air Force Base the community does provide valuable police support and services. The following quotation is taken from the publication TAB A-1 Environmental Narrative, Reese Air Force Base, Texas.

"b. Intelligence and Criminal Support: The Lubbock Police Department; Lubbock County Sheriff's Department; and Texas Department of Public Safety are all tasked to provide information regarding potential covert/overt activities, disorders and render assistance in the disposition of civilians who have committed offenses on base."

"c. Liaison: The Chief, Security Police provides liaison with the civilian police agencies and is a member of the Base/Community Relations Committee. The Security Police Investigator works closely with local police agencies in criminal related incidents and furnishes stolen property listings to local agencies depicting items stolen from base."

"d. AWOL Support: Local police agencies assist base police units in arresting AWOLs and returning them to military control. Reference: AFR 125-18."

"e. US Magistrate: A United States Magistrate has been appointed by the Federal Government to try civilians who have committed petty offenses against the United States on Reese AFB. The 1805, Magistrate Ticket, is only issued to dependents of military personnel and civilian personnel who are not under base jurisdiction. They will not be issued to DOD civilians."

"f. Traffic Offenses: State and Federal courts all notify the Base Law Enforcement Officer of traffic offenses committed by military members off base for which a fine was paid or bond forfeited. This information is used to assess traffic points and initiate revocation or suspension action when necessary."

"g. Other Agreements: 1. Through agreement between Reese AFB, Texas, represented by Captain Carl J. Kretsinger, Base Staff Judge Advocate, and Alton Griffin, Criminal District Attorney, Lubbock, Texas, a determination was made, that upon review by the Criminal District Attorney, all marijuana possession cases in which Reese airmen were suspects, would be relinquished in favor of the USAF for criminal prosecution. This results in subsequent investigation by the Air Force Office of Special Investigations and transferral of evidence from the appropriate arresting agency to AFOSI. 2. Through agreement between the Texas Department of Public Safety, Region V Forensic Laboratory and Reese AFB, Texas, represented by the Air Force Office of Investigations, DPS has agreed to provide forensic laboratory examination free of charge, in substantive criminal investigations involving military suspects. In addition, DPS has agreed to provide expert testimony in the event of subsequent courts-martial. This agreement to use available Forensic Science provided by the DPS has been approved by Headquarters AFOSI."

**COMMUNITY SERVICES AND FACILITIES**  
**FIRE PROTECTION - COMMUNITY (AFERN 4.3.5.2)**

In addition to the Mutual Aid Agreement between Reese A.F.B. and the City of Lubbock on fire protection, additional benefits that the City of Lubbock and the area fire departments receive from the Reese Fire Department are as follows:

1. Use of Film Library.
2. Aid in training Crash Fire Rescue personnel.
3. Instructors for area Fire Control Conference, helping 54 surrounding cities in Crash Fire Rescue procedures.
4. Cooperation in use of training facilities.
5. Only Reese and recently acquired foam units at our airport can provide specialized equipment to handle a large petroleum fire.
6. Some of Lubbock Fire Department personnel use Reese facilities to take college courses offered there by South Plains College.

**PUBLIC FINANCE (AFERN 4.2.3)**

**TABLE I-26**

**COUNTY STATEMENT OF REVENUE  
(Revised Statement)**

<b>Item</b>	<b>1976</b>
Current Ad Valorem Taxes	2,798,250.00
Delinquent and Other Taxes	100,310.00
Inter-Government Revenues	103,172.00
Fees and Commissions - General	299,900.00
Refunds and Recoveries	19,750.00
Investments - Monies and Properties	321,400.00
Motor Vehicle License Receipts	175,000.00
Fees and Commissions - County Offices	1,189,900.00
Grants - State and Federal	109,600.00
Transfer - Inter-Fund	37,607.00
Cash Reserves	281,192.00
Federal Revenue Sharing	1,005,520.00
State Gasoline Tax	<u>54,632.00</u>
<b>Total</b>	<b><u>6,496,233.00</u></b>

#### AIR TRANSPORTATION AND FACILITIES (AFERN 4.4.1.2.1)

It is conservatively estimated that 260,000 passengers will be in-planed for the calender year 1976. An equal number of deplaning passengers would result in a total passenger activity of approximately 520,000. If Reese AFB should be closed there would be a loss of all passenger activity generated by the base which would include not only civilian and military personnel but that of all persons visiting such personnel or having other business with the base.

Another important activity generated by RAFB is the training flights currently being conducted at Lubbock Regional Airport. These training flights which use FAA Navaids and Air Traffic Control and Flight Service Station facilities generate activity which classifies the airport as a Level III facility. As a Level III facility the number of personnel assigned and grades of personnel are higher than for lower levels. For instance, if FAA staffing was reduced to Level II it would mean the loss of twenty-one personnel and affect the remaining grade levels, and the payroll reduction would be at least \$427,000.00 per year. There would be additional effect as a result of a reduction of FAA personnel since many of these employees are involved in personal aviation activities at the airport.

## **SECTION II**

**STATEMENTS RELATIVE TO**

## ADVANTAGES

## LUBBOCK

## HAS TO OFFER

## REESE AIR FORCE BASE

**AND**

## THE DEPARTMENT OF THE AIR FORCE

#### WEATHER (AFERN 3.2)

The City of Lubbock is located on the high level surface of the Texas South Plains at an elevation of 3,243 feet.

The area is what is geologically classified as semi-arid. Here the dry warmth of the desert area to the west meets the humid, moist climates from the east and southeast.

Normal annual average precipitation is 18.08 inches with maximum precipitation occurring in May, June, and July. Winter is highlighted by occasional snow that is usually light and remains on the ground only a short while. The air in Lubbock is rarely humid with the healthful dryness of the area, a strong reason for the immigration of many persons in recent years to our area. Sunshine is the prevailing climatological situation in Lubbock with an average of 168 "clear" days annually; "clear to partly cloudy" days number about 106 and usually 91 "cloudy" days.

The United States Weather Service maintains a full staff at their station located at the Lubbock Regional Airport. This office issues weather forecasts for the area west of the 100th meridian and is the official forecast station between Ft. Worth and Denver.

Normal Average Temperature	59.7 degrees
Record Maximum Temperature (July 1958)	107.0 degrees
Record Minimum Temperature (January 1963)	-16.0 degrees
Normal Daily Maximum for Month (July)	92.0 degrees
Normal Daily Minimum for Month (January)	25.4 degrees
Number of Hours of Sunshine	3550
Humidity Average	
Midnight	63%
6.00 a.m.	75%
Noon	46%
6.00 p.m.	42%

#### RETAIL FACILITIES (AFERN 4.2)

Lubbock because of its central location, serving a trade territory of 26 counties, has retail facilities and services usually available only in cities many times its size. In addition to the central business district, the community has ten major suburban shopping centers, with over 300 units occupying 2,023,148 square feet of shopping space.

Reece Air Force Base personnel have the opportunity of shopping in these modern facilities and can obtain goods and services equal to that available almost anywhere in the world.

MAJOR SHOPPING CENTERS (ECONOMIC CHARACTERISTICS AFERN 4.2)

<u>Name</u>	<u>Units</u>	<u>Square Footage</u>
Briercroft Shopping Center 50th Street and Avenue Q	20	150,000
Caprock Shopping Center 50th Street and Boston Avenue	26	250,000
Family Park Shopping Center 34th Street and Avenue H	22	93,206
Indiana Gardens Shopping Center 34th Street and Indiana Avenue	23	66,500
MacKenzie Village Shopping Center 2nd Street and Zenith Avenue	7	55,778
Monterey Shopping Center 50th Street and Flint Avenue	42	256,000
Red Bud Shopping Center 11th Street and Slide Road	16	55,000
South Plains Mall 66th Street and Slide Road	100	845,664
The Terrace Shopping Center 4902 34th Street	30	101,000
Town and Country Shopping Center 4th Street and University Avenue	35	150,000

LUBBOCK TRADE AREA  
RETAIL SALES, 1974

Lubbock	\$631,482,000
Bailey	17,961,000
Borden	224,000
Cochran	7,139,000
Cottle	7,210,000
Crosby	14,065,000
Dawson	46,188,000
Dickens	7,959,000
Floyd	19,488,000
Gaines	20,469,000
Garza	11,478,000
Hale	86,493,000
Hockley	49,717,000
Kent	2,072,000
King	883,000
Lamb	31,658,000
Lynn	8,934,000
Motley	2,760,000
Farmer	12,484,000
Scurry	44,967,000
Stonewall	3,723,000
Terry	33,981,000
Yoakum	14,103,000
Curry, N.M.	110,726,000
Lea, N.M.	128,404,000
Roosevelt, N.M.	<u>29,635,000</u>
1074 Total Retail Sales	\$1,334,183,000

Source: 1975 Sales Management: Survey of Buying Power

FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS (AFERN 4.2)

Military personnel and their dependents have constant need for financial institutions to handle their bank checking and savings accounts and for the making of personal and home loans. The size and strength of Lubbock's banks and Savings and Loan Associations are shown on the following two tables.

YEAR END BANK DEPOSITS IN LUBBOCK BANKS (AFERN 4.2)

<u>Year</u>	<u>Deposits</u>
1954	\$ 189,203,689
1955	181,197,427
1956	206,472,544
1957	192,081,083
1958	227,566,285
1959	242,597,954
1960	250,789,322
1961	280,189,450
1962	301,154,690
1963	306,646,281
1964	322,281,050
1965	331,612,219
1966	335,400,786
1967	359,745,173
1968	388,630,274
1969	412,459,082
1970	477,247,188
1971	527,314,293
1972	596,697,439
1973	723,322,701
1974	793,915,466
1975	878,164,171

Source: December 31st Reports of all banks in  
the City of Lubbock

YEAR END SAVINGS DEPOSITS IN  
LUBBOCK SAVINGS AND LOAN ASSOCIATIONS

(AFERN 4.2)

Year	Deposits
1970	\$ 117,484,000
1971	140,786,000
1972	172,285,135
1973	200,665,238
*1974	228,674,752
*1975	260,336,915

\*5 Savings and Loan Associations  
Previous years, 4 Associations  
Source: Published Statements of condition

JOB OPPORTUNITIES (AFERN 4.2.2)

Many military personnel find it is highly desirable to seek employment during off-duty hours in order to supplement their income. Also many of their dependents find it highly desirable to obtain work.

Lubbock with its unusually low unemployment rate of 3.1 per cent offers these individuals an unusual opportunity to enter the work force. In fact a large percentage of Reese Air Force Base personnel and their dependents are already employed. These jobs are available in the fields of retailing, manufacturing, wholesaling, teaching, nursing, real estate, secretarial and clerical positions and many others.

HOUSING (AFERN 4.2.5)

One of the major advantages that Lubbock has to offer military personnel over other areas is adequate housing at a reasonable price. It is believed that it is an advantage of Reese Air Force personnel to have an inventory of housing at their disposal. Further, it is an advantage for the United States to have the housing provided by private capital so government monies can be used for defense purposes. This type housing also encourages private ownership and this increases the moral of the military personnel and their families. It also eliminates the necessity of the Air Force having to be in the real estate business.

A good supply of houses is available with a broad spectrum of prices at practically all times. At this date, and typical of the times, there are approximately 558 houses being offered to the market. About 300 - 400 sell per month with an average sale price this year of \$38,422 and 860 have been built. Last year the average was \$36,956 and 773 were built in the same period. According to available data, it appears that Lubbock is providing housing at 15 to 20 per cent below the national average.

In the field of apartments there are at the present time approximately 11,960 better apartment units in Lubbock. With the addition of duplexes, quadraplexes and other rental property it is estimated that total rental units in Lubbock would be approximately 24,000. There are an additional 616 units under construction.

The better units rent from \$150 to \$300 per month with the average being \$200 to \$225 per month.

It is felt that Lubbock provides a good supply of housing at a reasonable price with private capital. This increases the morale of military personnel and leaves government funds for defense purposes.

#### INSTITUTIONAL CHARACTERISTICS - GOVERNMENT (AFERN 4.3.1)

In addition to local and county governmental bodies Lubbock has numerous state and federal offices which are available to military personnel and their families. Offices located in Lubbock include:

##### STATE OFFICES

Attorney General's Office, Lubbock Branch  
Consumer Protection Division  
Commission for Blind  
Department of Labor and Standards  
District Parole Office  
Industrial Accident Board  
Interlibrary Loan Network  
Parks and Wildlife Commission  
Railroad Commission of Texas  
State Board of Insurance  
State Comptroller of Public Accounts  
    District Office  
    Calibration Station  
State Department of Agriculture  
State Department of Health  
    Bedding Law Division  
    Certification and Consultation Division  
    Division of Tuberculosis Control Regions 1 and 2  
    Regional Medical Program of Texas  
    Sanitary Engineering Division  
State Department of Public Safety  
    Commanding Officer  
    Drivers License Division  
    License and Weight Division  
    Narcotic Division  
    Radio Station KKB 489  
    Texas Highway Patrol  
    Texas Rangers Headquarters  
State Department of Public Welfare  
    Financial Assistance Office  
    Child Welfare Division  
    City-County Unit  
    Commodity Distribution  
    Medical Assistance Unit  
    Regional Office  
    Training Division  
State Highway Department  
    District Office and Shop

Maintenance Warehouses  
Maintenance Construction  
Motor Vehicle Division  
Resident Engineers  
State Securities Board  
Texas Agricultural Experiment Station  
(Texas A&M University)  
Research and Extension Center  
Texas Education Agency  
    Guidance and Supervision  
    School Lunch Division  
Texas Employment Commission  
    Mobile Placement Office  
Texas Air Control Board  
Texas National Guard  
Texas Alcoholic Beverage Commission  
Texas Real Estate Commission  
Texas Rehabilitation Commission  
Texas Surplus Property Agency  
Texas Youth Council Patrol Division  
Texas Water Quality Board  
Western Information Network (WIN)

**FEDERAL OFFICES**

Department of Agriculture  
    Agriculture Marketing Service  
    Agriculture Research Service  
    Agriculture Stabilization and Conservation  
    Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service  
    Farmers Home Administration  
    Federal Crop Insurance  
    Food and Nutrition Service  
    Soil and Conservation Service  
Department of the Army  
Department of Commerce  
    Economic Development Administration  
    National Weather Service  
Department of Defense  
Drug Enforcement Administration  
Federal Court  
    United States District Judge  
    United States Magistrate  
    United States Probation Officer  
Federal Energy Administration  
Federal Home Loan Bank Board  
General Services Administration  
Health, Education and Welfare Department  
    Food and Drug Administration  
    Social Security Administration

Housing and Urban Development  
Interior Department  
    U. S. Fish and Wildlife Service  
Justice Department  
    Federal Bureau of Investigation  
    United States Attorney  
    United States Border Patrol  
    United States Marshall  
Labor Department  
    Wage and Hour Division  
    Occupational Safety and Health Administration  
Marine Corps  
Navy Department  
Small Business Administration  
Transportation Department  
    Federal Highway Administration  
    Federal Aviation Administration  
Treasury Department  
    Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms  
    Internal Revenue Service  
    United States Secret Service  
    United States Customs Service-Port of Entry  
United States Air Force  
United States Postal Service  
Veteran Administration  
    Outpatient Clinic  
    Loan Guaranty Division

#### EDUCATION (AFERN 4.3.3)

Lubbock has outstanding educational facilities which are available to military personnel and their dependents. Institutions of higher learning include Texas Tech University, the third largest university in the state; Lubbock Christian College, a private senior college sponsored by the Church of Christ; a branch of South Plains College, another state supported school located in Levelland, an adjoining community. Other educational facilities available are an excellent public school system and several private and parochial schools.

Texas Tech University is divided into six colleges and three schools which are: Agricultural Sciences, Arts and Sciences, Business Administration, Education, Engineering, Home Economics, Law School, Graduate School, and School of Medicine. Tech offers undergraduate degrees in 100 major fields; masters degrees in 69 major fields; and doctorate degrees in 35 major areas. In the fall of 1976 Texas Tech had 22,000 students, 1,350 faculty members, and approximately 3,500 other employees with a budget of over \$50,000,000.

Lubbock Christian College has an enrollment of over 1,400 students. The college and Lubbock Christian School, a private kindergarten through high school occupy 120 acres. It offers courses in 29 different areas of study.

South Plains College, which presently offers on-base education programs for Reese A.F.B., has recently acquired a seven story building in downtown Lubbock which will be able to accommodate 1,800 students. This facility will provide permanent teaching facilities for primarily vocational training courses.

The Lubbock public school system is one of the leading systems in the Southwest, providing its students 37 elementary schools, 10 junior high schools, 5 senior high schools, 1 school for trainable retarded children, 1 school for special children, and 1 school of adult education classes.

The private and parochial schools in Lubbock offer various courses from kindergarten through high school.

All of these facilities are available to Reese A.F.B. personnel and their dependents.

#### MEDICAL FACILITIES (AFERN 4.3.4)

Lubbock is the leading medical center of the southwest serving not only the needs of Lubbock proper but also a vast surrounding area.

St. Mary's of the Plains Hospital opened a new 145 bed hospital in 1970 and construction is underway on another \$5 million addition including physical rehabilitation and therapy. In 1971, the new 110 bed University Hospital opened in their new facility. Highland Hospital has recently completed a 30 bed addition which increased its total beds to 120. Methodist Hospital recently added 200 beds to its complex of 410 existing beds. This addition included new facilities in surgery, X-ray and laboratories. West Texas Hospital completed a 120 bed facility in the new Civic Center area in 1975. Lubbock Osteopathic Hospital has 76 beds. A new Lubbock County Teaching Hospital of 300 beds costing over \$16 million is under construction on the Texas Tech University campus, adjacent to the Texas Tech University School of Medicine.

These outstanding medical facilities in Lubbock contain the latest equipment available for the treatment of almost any type of medical disease or condition. There are 274 physicians and surgeons in the city, many of which are highly trained specialists capable of handling almost any situation. These physical facilities and doctors are available to supplement on-base medical facilities and to handle conditions which could not be treated at Reese Air Force Base.

#### COMMUNITY BASE RELATIONS (AFERN 4.3.5)

Ever since the opening of Reese Air Force Base there has been an enviable relationship between the base and the community. In May of 1967 the Secretary of the Air Force awarded a Certificate of Appreciation to the Lubbock Chamber of Commerce for "rendering meritorious service to the United States Air Force . . . and its unselfish devotion to public responsibility."

In January of 1976 Reese Air Force Base presented the Armed Services Committee of the Chamber of Commerce a plaque "in appreciation for outstanding support."

An exceedingly active Base Community Council has existed for several years. It has been exceedingly effective in dealing with the solving of problems of mutual interest and the carrying out of projects of mutual benefit.

The attached material gives some indication of the closeness and effectiveness of community base relations.

## COMMUNITY SERVICES AND FACILITIES (AFERN 4.3.5)

# City-Reese relations solid

The relationship between Reese Air Force Base and the community of Lubbock is the envy of bases throughout the nation. Ever since the base was activated the Chamber of Commerce, through its Armed Services Committee, has been an avenue of communication between the officers and men at Reese and local citizens. This relationship has been mutually beneficial to all concerned.

Through the years the Chamber of Commerce's unselfish devotion to public responsibility has contributed to the success of such projects as the acquisition of a base sign, construction and improvement of access roads, placing of pictures in most major buildings on the base, the providing of shrubs, trees and flowers for base beautification and the placing of a wing emblem marker in front of the new Wing Headquarters building.

Projects of a continuous nature include recognition of the Reese Air Force Base Airman of the Month, the presentation of a citizenship award to a deserving pilot in each graduating class, the making of quarterly awards to non-commissioned officers, providing orientation tours of the community for foreign students assigned to the base, co-sponsoring Armed Forces Day celebrations and the giving of banquets and other social events to help base officials become a part of the community.

Other activities have included participation in the National Prayer Breakfast each year, co-sponsoring a semi-annual golf tournament, a fishing trip for officers and enlisted

men from the base and ranch tours for military personnel.

The Chamber participated with Reese Air Force Base in the establishment of a Base/Community Council to help insure the continuation of the outstanding community-base relationship by identifying common

interests of the civilian and military, to guarantee free participation of leaders in solving problems of mutual interest, facilitate effective use of community and base facilities and provide continuity in the public relations program in spite of frequent changes of military personnel.

# ★ Fannin Bank

Lester C. Hess  
Property Management Officer

October 28, 1976

Mr. Vernon B. Barron  
President  
Lubbock Chamber of Commerce  
P. O. Box 561  
Lubbock, Texas 79408

Dear Mr. Barron:

You probably recall that I served as commander of Reese Air Force Base and the 3500th Pilot Training Wing from 1959 to 1962. During the period we established many enviable records including, Air Force Safety awards for hundreds of thousands of hours of accident free jet flying, receiving the coveted Daedalion trophy for the finest aircraft maintenance organization in the Air Force, and many other items of recognition.

It must be clear to you that military organizations don't establish records through efforts totally within. It is the support from others that so often makes the difference.

The fact of Reese being located near Lubbock in effect set the stage and made possible the accomplishments mentioned here to fore.

From a commander's point of view, Lubbock was a dream community with excellent housing for officers and airmen, a completely embracing community ever searching out ways to be more helpful to the Air Base, a pervading friendliness not only from city authorities but overwhelmingly from the people as individuals. These are the things that made life worth living for the base personnel many of whom were away from home and loved ones.

Lubbock, I might add, did not give lip service to the support of Reese Air Base. Lubbock produced. This relationship should be retained, that is if the efficient training of jet pilots is the objective.

Best personal regards,  
*Lester C. Hess*  
Lester C. Hess  
Colonel USAF (RET)

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FEDERAL ENERGY ADMINISTRATION

REGION VIII

1075 South Yukon  
P.O. Box 26247, Belmar Branch  
Lakewood, Colorado 80226

October 28, 1976

Mr. Vernon B. Barron, President  
Lubbock Chamber of Commerce  
Box 561  
Lubbock, Texas 79408

Dear Mr. Barron:

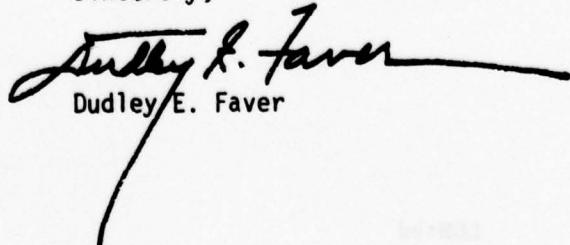
It was my great pleasure to serve as Commander of the Flying Training Wing, Reese Air Force Base, from January 1964 to June 1966. In that capacity my appreciation deepened of the significant interdependence that must exist between military bases and their supporting communities.

My situation at Reese Air Force Base was greatly enhanced by the existence upon my arrival of a warm, supportive attitude from not only the elected officials of the City of Lubbock but also the citizens that lived in the nearby urban area. This friendly relationship was extended to all military personnel at the installation from the time of initial assignment until they were moved to other duty locations. I guess the strongest evidence of the real bond that developed between persons, base, and city is the great number of military people who have made Lubbock their home upon retirement.

Your city has a well deserved reputation for supporting the base as an entity and its people as persons. The existence of such conditions made for a much happier and more effective command. It made my job much easier and impacted on the success that we as an organization were able to achieve.

My deep appreciation again to the citizens of Lubbock and its leaders. Keep up the good work that is so well ingrained in "good West Texas hospitality."

Sincerely,

  
Dudley E. Faver



## Texas Tech University Complex

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OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT

October 26, 1976

Mr. Vernon B. Barron, President  
Chamber of Commerce  
P. O. Box 561  
Lubbock, Texas 79408

Dear Mr. Barron:

It is my understanding that the Chamber of Commerce is participating in an environmental impact study being made by the United States Air Force to assess the implications if Reese Air Force Base were to become a candidate for closing. It is in this connection, therefore, that as a Wing Commander at Reese Air Force Base for over three years, I would like to comment on certain aspects of this matter.

In my almost daily dealing with situations involving the Base and the region, I encountered nothing but the highest of cooperation and support from people and agencies. The understanding of the area citizens, and their unfailing and loyal support of the Base and the objectives of the United States Air Force, were always apparent and I could rely upon the citizens of West Texas to assist in solving any problem or coping with any difficulty. There was never an unpleasant incident or any unsatisfactory relationship between the region and the Base during my recent tenure as Commander.

It would be my judgment that the strong bonds of friendship and the outstanding base-region relationship should be one of the crucial factors to be considered in assessing the potential of Reese Air Force Base in meeting the defense needs of the United States while concurrently contributing to the general welfare and progress of the great geographical region which surrounds the Base.

Sincerely,

*Clyde J. Morganti*

Clyde J. Morganti  
Assistant to the President

## *Friends of Reese AFB*



**Charles Guy**

Charles Armor Guy was born in Baltimore, Maryland on March 30, 1902. Throughout his career, Mr. Guy has worked diligently for the U.S. government and the Department of Defense. It is for this reason that he was presented the Air Force Exceptional Service Award in 1972.

During his career, Mr. Guy has been the editor of the Lubbock Avalanche-Journal, vice-president and director of the El Paso Times newspaper, president of the Panhandle-South Plains Association, member of the Texas Commission on Alcohol, and past president of the West Texas Press Association and the Associated Press Editor's Association. Before his retirement as editor-publisher of the Avalanche-Journal in 1972, his editorial column, "The Plainsman," was believed to be the longest running column in the United States.

Mr. Guy has used all these offices, associations, civic club memberships and writings to promote a strong Air Force. He is credited with being the motivating force behind having Lubbock Army Air Field established here in 1941, then was instrumental in having Reese Air Force Base reactivated in 1949.

It is because of his dedication to the United States Air Force and Reese Air Force Base, that we salute Mr. Charles Armor Guy.

COMMUNITY SERVICES AND FACILITIES (AFERN 4.3.5)

## *Friends of Reese AFB*

Lloyd Evans "Jack" Davis was presented the Air Force Exceptional Service Award on Sept. 25, 1971. Over the years, Mr. Davis has contributed much to the relations between Lubbock and Reese Air Force Base.

Lloyd Davis was born in Kirkwood, Ill. on Sept. 24, 1890. He attended public school in the Kirkwood-Monmouth area. Following his graduation he attended Knox College in Galesburg, Ill. Upon leaving Knox College he became associated with the National Biscuit Company as a cost accountant.

Mr. Davis spent World War I as an instructor pilot at Hiette Field near Fort Worth, Tex. In 1927 he established a loan and insurance business, the Davis-Colson Insurance Company. At the outbreak of World War II, Mr. Davis again answered the call to arms by serving in the Army Air Corps as a lieutenant colonel.

Mr. Davis returned to Lubbock to become a top civic and religious leader in the area. He served as a member of the Lubbock City Council in 1952-54 and as president of the Lubbock Chamber of Commerce in 1957. Since his days as a "Jenny" pilot in World War I, Lloyd "Jack" Davis has supported aviation and the United States Air Force.



Jack Davis



## Friends of Reese AFB

Doctor O.W. (Babe) English began a deep attachment with the military services when he served as a member of the United States Navy. Since that time, he has proven that he is a true friend to the U.S. Armed Forces, and particularly the U.S. Air Force.

Doctor English was born July 29, 1901 in Dallas, Tex. He graduated from Bentonville, Arkansas High School in 1917 and received a Bachelor of Arts Degree (BA) from Martin Simmons University in 1931 and his MD in 1932 from Baylor University of Medicine. During his career, he has been extremely active in community events and committees. Since 1972, Dr. English has served as the Chairman of the

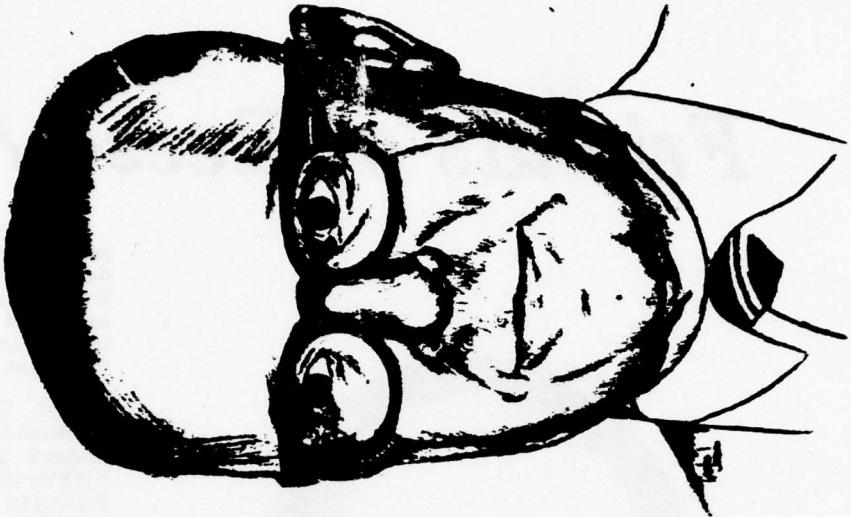
Armed Services Committee of the Lubbock Chamber of Commerce. He was instrumental in getting Reese Air Force Base located in Lubbock and has been a true friend of Reese ever since. He has been the motivating force behind big projects such as getting 4th Street paved all the way to Reese, getting Leaveland Highway enlarged to four lanes, getting a base sign at the end of Leaveland and War Highway, and receiving an ample water supply for Reese.

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"home" for all Reese personnel. It is because of this feeling that numerous personnel have remained in Lubbock after retiring from an Air Force career.

His support and friendship have made life safer and more enjoyable for the Reese community. A physician and surgeon held in high esteem in the Lubbock and entire South Plains area, Doctor English has used his great influence socially, politically, and in civic affairs to advance the Air Force mission and policy. He richly deserves acknowledgement of appreciation for the many tireless hours he has spent in behalf of Reese Air Force.

Not a month goes by that Doctor English is not active in behalf of Reese Air Force Base. He has helped further the feeling that Lubbock is



Dr. O.W. English

#### COMMUNITY SERVICES AND FACILITIES (AFERN 4.3.5)



A NEW SIGN? - Yes, but this was back on May 8, 1965. The occasion was the unveiling of the base sign at the Open House. The sign was donated by citizens and groups from Lubbock at a cost of \$2,000. The idea and much of the work may be attributed to Dr. O. W. English and Mr. Jack Davis. (U.S. Air Force Photo)

#### AIR FORCE ASSOCIATION (AFERN 4.3.5)

The Lubbock Chapter of the Air Force Association is a strong supporter of the United States Air Force. Through its 946 members its influence is felt on a national as well as local level. The chapter is exceedingly active, which affords military and civilian members an opportunity to work closely with each other. Quarterly membership meetings are held to plan and execute the work of the organization.

#### COMMUNITY SERVICES AND FACILITIES (AFERN 4.1.3.5)

Lubbock offers Reese A.F.B. personnel and their dependents 136 health, welfare, and recreation resource organizations. Each of these agencies has been established and is being maintained for the purpose of providing services which benefit not only the entire Lubbock community but also that of Reese. These agencies consist of:

Adult Basic Education Lubbock Public Schools	Cerebral Palsy and Neuro-Muscular Treatment Center, Lubbock
Adult Evening High School Lubbock Public Schools	Childbirth Without Pain of Lubbock
Adult Learning Center Lubbock Public Schools	Children's Home of Lubbock
Alcoholics Anonymous	Church of Christ Service Center
American Cancer Society District III Office	Citizens' Traffic Commission
American Diabetes Association-Lubbock Chapter	City-County Health Department Lubbock
American Heart Association Lubbock County Division	City-County Health Department, Substations
American Lung Association of Texas-West Texas Area	City-County Health Department, Lubbock Family Planning Clinics
American Red Cross, Lubbock County Chapter	City-County Welfare Department, Lubbock
Arthritis Foundation	City Park and Recreation
Bender Terrace Nursing Home	Colonial Nursing Home
Big Brothers/Big Sisters of Lubbock, Inc.	Community Planning Council
Bilingual Education Lubbock Public Schools	Community Services Department, City of Lubbock
Blood Services of Lubbock	Contact-Lubbock, Inc.
Boy Scouts of America, South Plains Council	Coronado Children's Home
Boys' Clubs, Inc., Lubbock	Council on Alcoholism
Buckner Baptist Benevolences West Texas-Panhandle Regional Center	Day Care Association
C.E.T.A. Training Programs	Developmental Education Birth through Two (Debt)
Camp Fire Girls, Lubbock Council	Easter Seal Society For Crippled Children and Adults of Texas
Camp Kiwanis-Lubbock State School	Exceptional Children Lubbock Public Schools
Catholic Family Service, Inc. Diocese of Amarillo	Expanded Nutrition Program
Catholic Welfare Bureau	Texas Agricultural Extension Service

Family Service Association  
Forrest Heights United Methodist  
Child Care Center  
Girl Scout Caprock Council, Inc.  
Golden Age Nursing Home  
Goodwill Industries of Lubbock, Inc.  
Guadalupe & Parkway Neighborhood  
Centers  
Head Start  
Heritage Hall Private School, Inc.  
Highland Hospital, Inc.  
Housing Authority of City of  
Lubbock  
Housing & Urban Development Department  
of Lubbock Insuring Office  
Human Development Center  
Human Relations Commission  
Industrial and Vocational Education  
Division Lubbock Public  
Schools  
Christmas Clearance Bureau  
Community Clothing Center  
Counseling and Guidance Division  
Lubbock Public Schools  
Emergency Services City of  
Lubbock  
Juvenile Division, Lubbock Police  
Department  
Juvenile Probation Office, Lubbock  
County  
Kidney Foundation of the Texas  
Panhandle  
Language Learning Center of the  
Lubbock Scottish Rite Bodies  
La Leche League of Lubbock  
Learn-Educational Talent Search  
Legal Aid Society of Lubbock, Inc.  
Libraries, Lubbock City-County  
Mahon Library  
Literacy Council of the Lubbock  
Baptist Association  
Lubbock Art Association  
Lubbock Commission to Combat  
Drug Abuse  
Lubbock Osteopathic Hospital  
Lubbock School of Vocational  
Nursing-Adult Education  
Department Lubbock Public  
Schools  
Lubbock State School Evaluation  
Center  
Lubbock Theatre Centre  
Meals on Wheels, Inc.  
Medicaid Transportation American  
Red Cross  
Mental Health Association  
Mental Health-Mental Retar-  
dation Center  
Methodist Hospital  
Migrant Program, Title I  
Lubbock Public Schools  
Milam Children's Training  
Center  
Muscular Dystrophy Association  
of America  
Museum of Texas Tech University  
National Foundation-March of  
Dimes  
National Multiple Sclerosis  
Society-South Plains  
Texas Chapter  
Neighborhood House  
New Life Ministries  
Oakwood Baptist-Child Develop-  
ment Center (Day Care)  
On-Goers  
Open Door Pre-School  
First United Methodist Church  
Opportunities Industriali-  
zation Center  
Our Lady Of Grace Child Deve-  
lopment Center  
Parents Without Partners  
South Plains Chapter #58  
Parkway Manor Nursing Home  
Parole Offices  
Adult Parole (Northwest Area  
Office)

Planned Parenthood Center of Lubbock  
Presbyterian Center  
Probation Office-Lubbock County Adult Project  
Project Upward Bound  
Pupil Personnel Services Lubbock Public Schools  
Quaker Manor, Inc.  
Rape Crisis Center  
Reading is Fundamental R I F of Lubbock  
Regional Education for the Deaf Lubbock  
Right to Life of Lubbock  
Saint John's Clinic for Crippled Children  
Saint Mary of the Plains Hospital  
Salvation Army  
Second Baptist Day Nursery  
Sick Children's Clinic - A ministry of Second Baptist Church  
Smithlawn Maternity Home  
Social Action Service at Lubbock - Diocese of Amarillo  
Social Security Administration  
Society for Crippled Children, Lubbock County  
South Plains Dialysis Center  
Southwest Lighthouse for the Blind, Inc.  
Speech and Hearing Clinic  
Starlight Training Center  
State Commission for the Blind  
State Department of Public Welfare Administrative Management - Region 01  
State Department of Public Welfare Medical Assistance Unit  
State Department of Public Welfare Financial Services Assistance  
State Department of Public Welfare Social Services Assistance  
Tel-Med of Lubbock  
Texas Agricultural Extension Service  
Texas Boys Ranch, Inc.  
Texas Employment Commission  
Texas Rehabilitation Commission Vocational Rehabilitation Division  
Texas Tech Program for Older Texans  
Texas Tech Psychology Clinic  
Texas Youth Council  
United Cerebral Palsy of Texas  
United Way of Lubbock  
University Hospital, Inc.  
Urban Renewal Agency, City of Lubbock  
University Convalescent Center  
Veterans Administration Out-patient Clinic  
Veterans Assistance Center  
Volunteer Bureau  
Volunteers of America, National Society of  
Well Baby Clinic, Lubbock  
West Texas Home Health Agency  
West Texas Hospital  
West Winds Care Center  
Young Men's Christian Association  
Young Women's Christian Association

#### **COMMUNITY SERVICES AND FACILITIES - CULTURAL FACILITIES AVAILABLE (AFERN 4.3.5)**

Lubbock offers unusual opportunities for participation in cultural activities to all military personnel and their dependents. Cultural groups in Lubbock consist of the following:

##### **THEATER**

Lubbock Theater Center  
Lubbock Children's Theater  
Act IV Club  
Texas Tech University Theater  
Texas Tech University Lab Theater  
Lubbock Christian College--Drama Department  
Texas Tech University Music Theater  
Hayloft Dinner Theater

##### **HUMANITIES**

South Plains Genealogical Society  
South Plains Writers Association

##### **MUSEUMS**

Texas Tech University Museum  
Ranching Heritage Center

##### **MUSIC**

Lubbock symphony  
Lubbock Municipal Orchestra  
Texas Tech University Symphony Orchestra  
Texas Tech University Band  
Lubbock Christian College Band  
Texas Tech University Choir  
Texas Tech University Music Theater  
Community Concerts

##### **DANCE**

Lubbock Civic Ballet  
Lubbock Area Square and  
Round Dance Federation  
Texas Tech University Dance  
Division

##### **VISUAL ARTS**

Lubbock Art Association  
West Texas Watercolor Society  
South Plains Porcelian  
Arts Club  
Lubbock Fine Arts Crafts  
Association  
Lubbock Photographic Society  
South Plains Designer-Craftsmen

##### **PROGRAMMING AGENCIES**

Civic Lubbock  
Texas Tech University  
Cultural Affairs Office  
Lubbock Christian College  
Activities Forum

##### **SUPPORT GROUPS**

Lubbock Symphony Guild  
Lubbock Theatre Centre  
Guild  
Friends of the City-County Library  
West Texas Museum Association  
The Junior League of Lubbock

#### AIRLINE SERVICE (AFERN 4.4.1.2.1)

Lubbock Regional Airport is served by three major airlines which provide 48 arrivals and departures daily. Scheduled service is available to any major point in the world. The airlines serving Lubbock are:

Braniff International  
Continental Airlines  
Texas International Airlines  
Chaparral Airlines, Inc.

Service, either single-plane or single-carrier, is offered to the cities of: Dallas, Miami, Los Angeles, Seattle, Chicago, Detroit, New York, Minneapolis, Denver, Salt Lake City, Houston, New Orleans, Corpus Christi, San Antonio, Austin, El Paso, Abilene, Albuquerque, Amarillo, and Midland.

A Master Plan for the airport was commissioned by the City in 1967, and a team of airport consultants, engineers, architects, and real estate specialists were employed for this purpose. This plan has been completed and presented to the City. A phased development of the airport over a 20-year period has been outlined in this study.

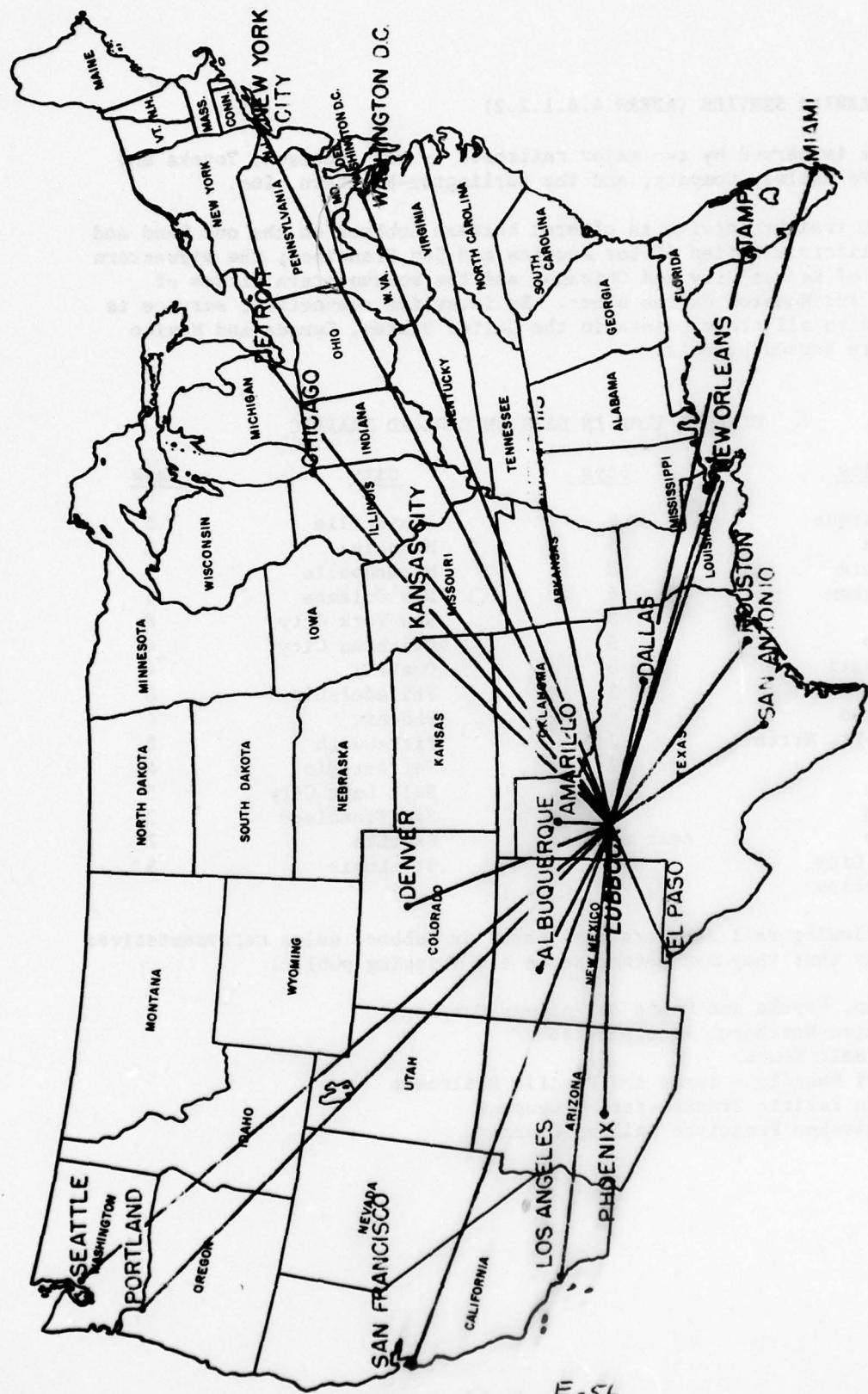
Implementation of Phase I of the Master Plan was approved by the voters in April, 1970 with the passage of a bond election authorizing \$14,000,000.00 in general obligation bonds for airport improvements. Phase I will include a new airline terminal building, air cargo facilities, runway extensions, holding aprons, a fire and crash station, taxiway construction, automobile parking facilities and additional land. These bonds have been sold. The fire, crash station and runway work is completed. With construction for the new terminal facilities completed, operation began in April, 1976.

The present runway system consists of :

- 1 - 8,500 foot, north/south, all weather runway operated under an Instrument Landing System controlled by A.A.A. radar.
- 1 - 8,000 foot, east/west, cross wind runway
- 1 - 3,400 foot, north/south runway

An Executive Air Terminal, designed for the use of private aviation, is located on the east side of the airport. The building houses a Federal Aviation Administration General Aviation District Office (now being expanded), the U. S. Weather Bureau Office, and a restaurant in addition to its general aviation facilities.

There are three Fixed Base Operators located at the airport. There is one aircraft repair company and one communications equipment repair company. All of the Fixed Base Operators have hangar areas, aprons, fuel and other services for private aviation.



LUBBOCK'S AIR SERVICE

**RAIL CARRIER SERVICE (AFERN 4.4.1.2.2)**

Lubbock is served by two major railroads -- the Atchison, Topeka and Santa Fe Railway Company, and the Burlington-Northern, Inc.

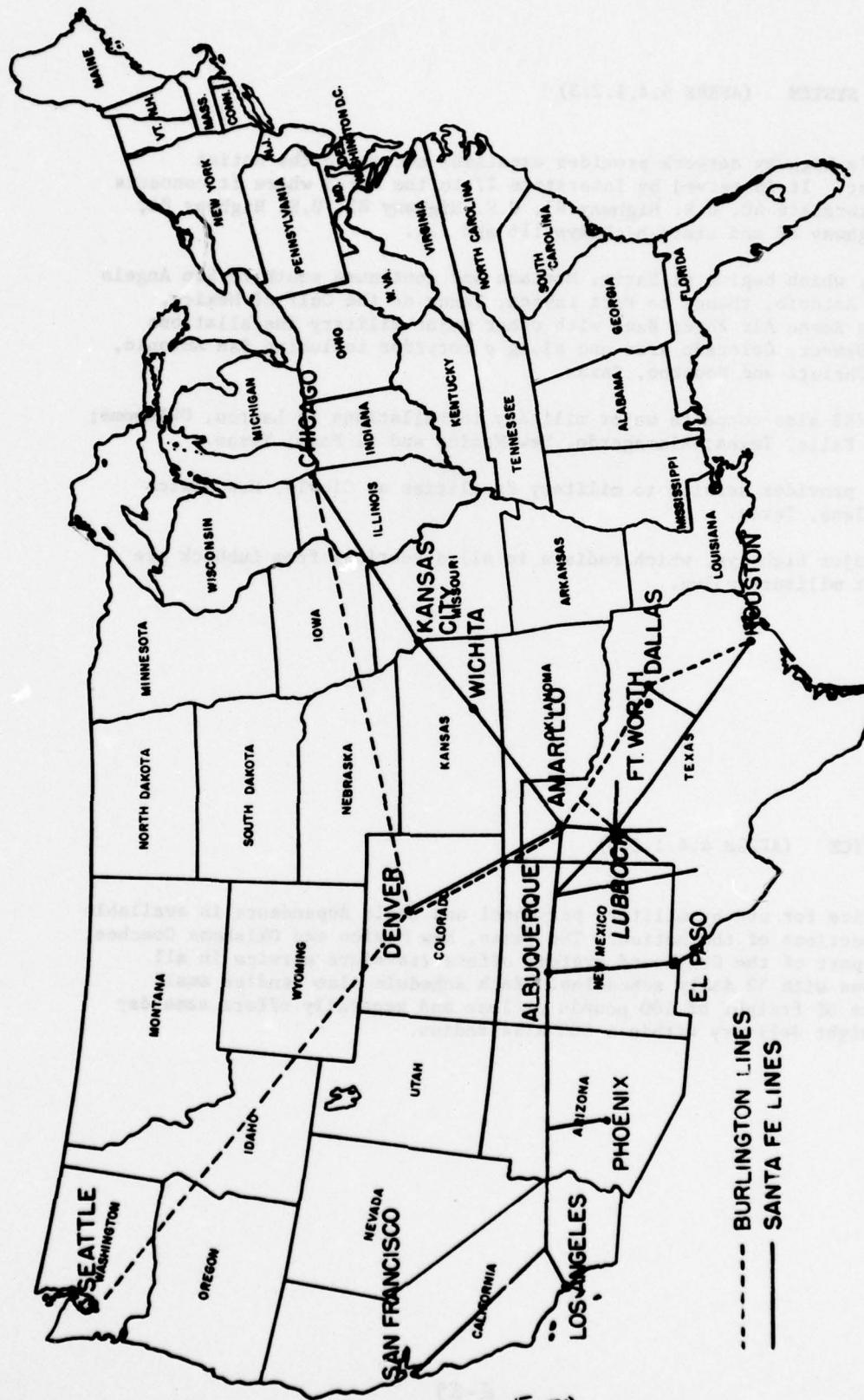
Through freight service is offered between Lubbock on the one hand and the California cities of Los Angeles and San Francisco; the midwestern cities of Kansas City and Chicago; and the southwestern cities of Dallas and Houston on the other. By interline connection, service is offered to all other points in the United States, Canada and Mexico that are served by rail.

**ELAPSED TIME IN DAYS ON CARLOAD TRAFFIC**

<u>City</u>	<u>Days</u>	<u>City</u>	<u>Days</u>
Albuquerque	2	Louisville	5
Atlanta	6	Memphis	6
Baltimore	8	Minneapolis	5
Birmingham	6	New Orleans	4
Boston	8	New York City	8
Buffalo	5	Oklahoma City	4
Cincinnati	6	Omaha	4
Chicago	3	Philadelphia	8
Cleveland	6	Phoenix	4
Dallas-Ft. Worth	2	Pittsburgh	8
Denver	2	San Antonio	4
Detroit	5	Salt Lake City	5
El Paso	2	San Francisco	3
Houston	next morning	Seattle	7
Kansas City	2	St. Louis	5
Los Angeles	3		

The following rail carriers have based in Lubbock sales representatives in order that they may better serve the shipping public.

Atchison, Topeka and Santa Fe Railway Company  
Burlington-Northern, Incorporated  
Cotton Belt Route  
Missouri Pacific - Texas and Pacific Railroads  
Southern Pacific Transportation Company  
St. Louis-San Francisco Railway Company



LUBBOCK'S RAIL SERVICE

- BURLINGTON LINES  
— SANTA FE LINES

#### HIGHWAY SYSTEM (AFERN 4.4.1.2.3)

Lubbock's highway network provides excellent access to the entire southwest. It is served by Interstate 27 to the north where it connects with Interstate 40, U.S. Highway 87, U.S. Highway 82, U.S. Highway 84, U.S. Highway 62 and state highways 116 and 114.

U.S. 87, which begins at Harve, Montana and continues south to San Angelo and San Antonio, thence to Port Lavaca, Texas on the Gulf of Mexico, connects Reese Air Force Base with other major military installations in the Denver, Colorado area and along a corridor including San Antonio, Corpus Christi and Houston, Texas.

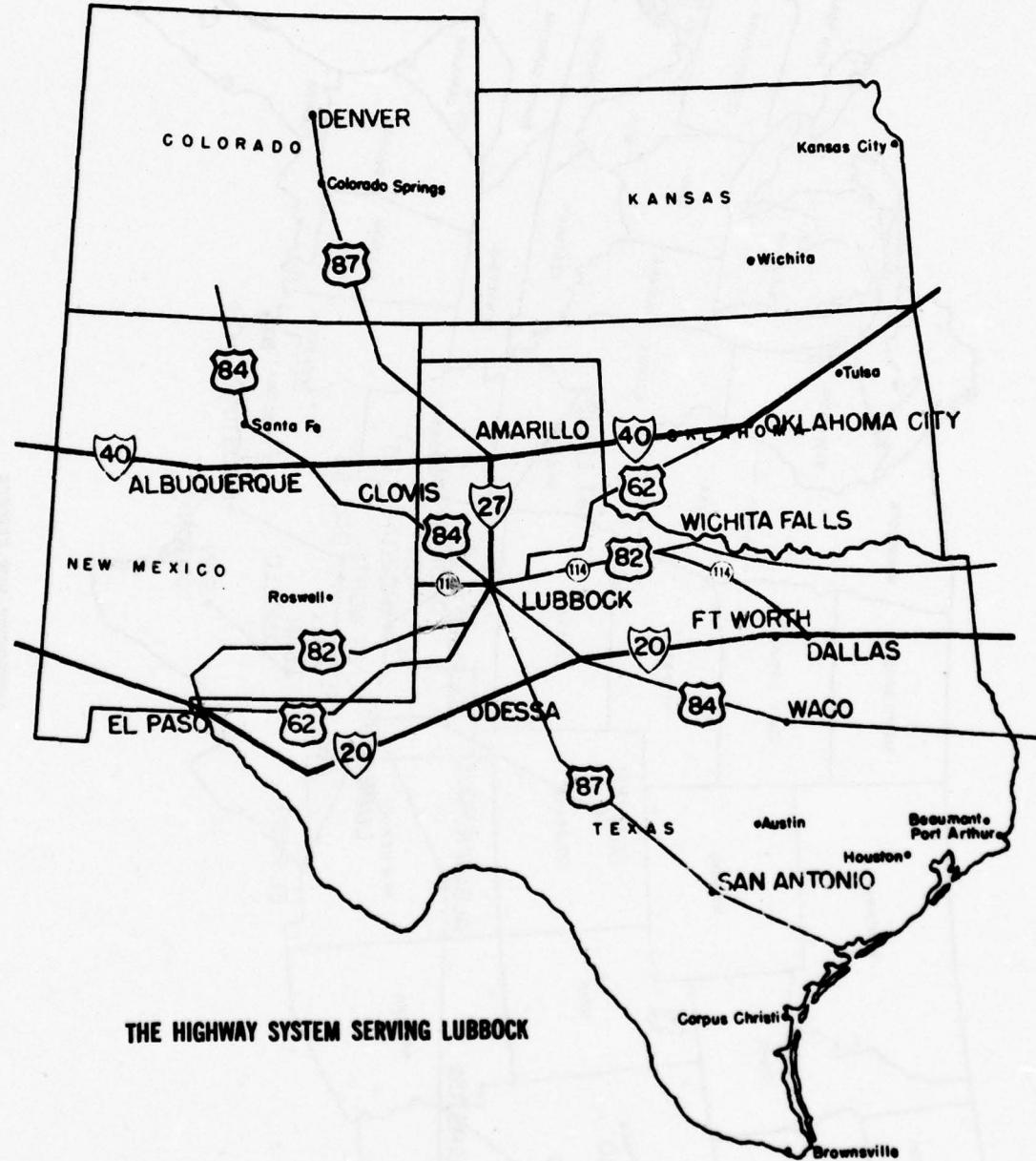
U.S. 62/82 also connects major military installations in Lawton, Oklahoma; Wichita Falls, Texas; Alamagardo, New Mexico and El Paso, Texas.

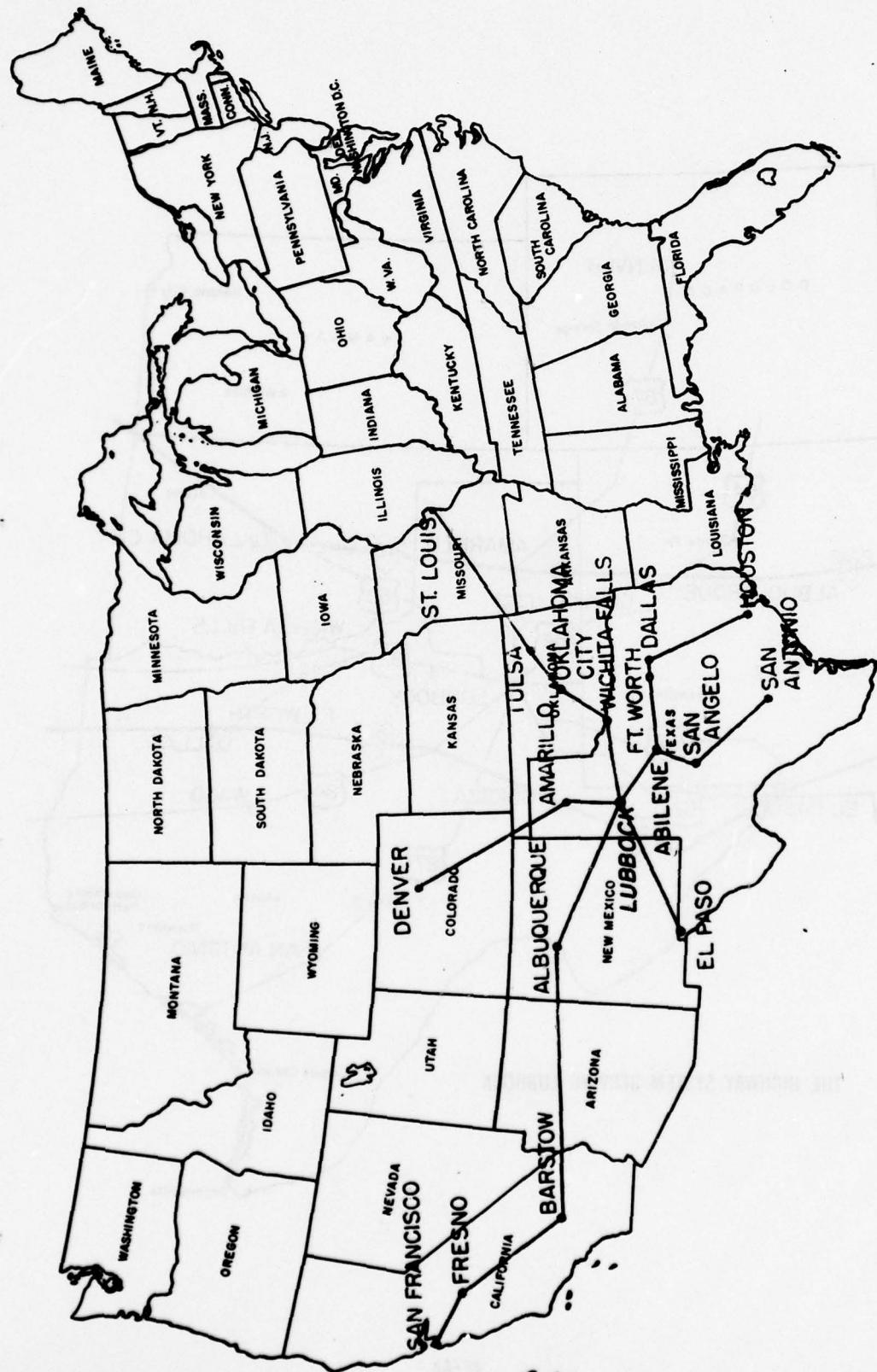
U.S. 84 provides service to military facilities at Clovis, New Mexico and Abilene, Texas.

These major highways, which radiate in all directions from Lubbock are of great military value.

#### BUS SERVICE (AFERN 4.4.1.2.6)

Bus service for use by military personnel and their dependents is available to all sections of the nation. The Texas, New Mexico and Oklahoma Coaches, Inc., a part of the Greyhound system, offers travelers service in all directions with 52 daily schedules. Each schedule also handles small shipments of freight of 100 pounds or less and generally offers same day or overnight delivery within a 500 mile radius.





LUBBOCK'S BUS SERVICE

MOTOR CARRIER SERVICE (AFERN 4.4.1.2.7)

The Lubbock area is served by eleven regular route Motor Freight Common Carriers providing Interstate and Intrastate services. These firms maintain terminals in Lubbock and provide direct one line service to most major cities in the United States. This is conducive to commodity rates on established movements.

Many specialized and exempt motor carriers authorized to transport bulk commodities, heavy equipment, perishable products and exempt agricultural commodities serve Lubbock.

Delivery time on truckload shipments to major cities in the United States:

Albuquerque	Next morning	Louisville	2nd morning
Atlanta	2nd morning	Memphis	Next morning
Baltimore	3rd morning	Minneapolis	2nd morning
Birmingham	3rd morning	New Orleans	4th morning
Boston	3rd morning	New York City	3rd morning
Buffalo	4th morning	Oklahoma City	Next morning
Cincinnati	2nd morning	Omaha	2nd morning
Chicago	2nd morning	Philadelphia	3rd morning
Cleveland	3rd morning	Phoenix	Next morning
Dallas-Ft. Worth	Next morning	Pittsburgh	3rd morning
Denver	2nd morning	San Antonio	Next morning
Detroit	3rd morning	Salt Lake City	3rd morning
El Paso	Next morning	San Francisco	3rd morning
Houston	Next morning	Seattle	3rd morning
Kansas City	2nd morning	St. Louis	2nd morning
Los Angeles	2nd morning		

COMMON CARRIER MOTOR CARRIERS

APEX-Albuquerque Phoenix Express, Inc.  
Curry Motor Freight Lines, Inc.  
East Texas Motor Freight Lines, Inc.  
Gibson Motor Freight  
Hopper Freight Systems  
ICX-Illinois-California Express, Inc.  
Merchants Fast Motor Lines, Inc.  
Red Arrow Freight Lines  
Santa Fe Trail Transportation Company, Inc.  
T.I.M.E. - DC, Inc.  
Yellow Freight Systems, Inc.

## SPECIALIZED CARRIERS

### Heavy Haulers

B&T Supply  
S. B. Campbell, Jr.  
Chemical Express, Inc.  
Clark Trucking Company  
Ben Loper Transit  
Ramsey Trucklines, Inc.  
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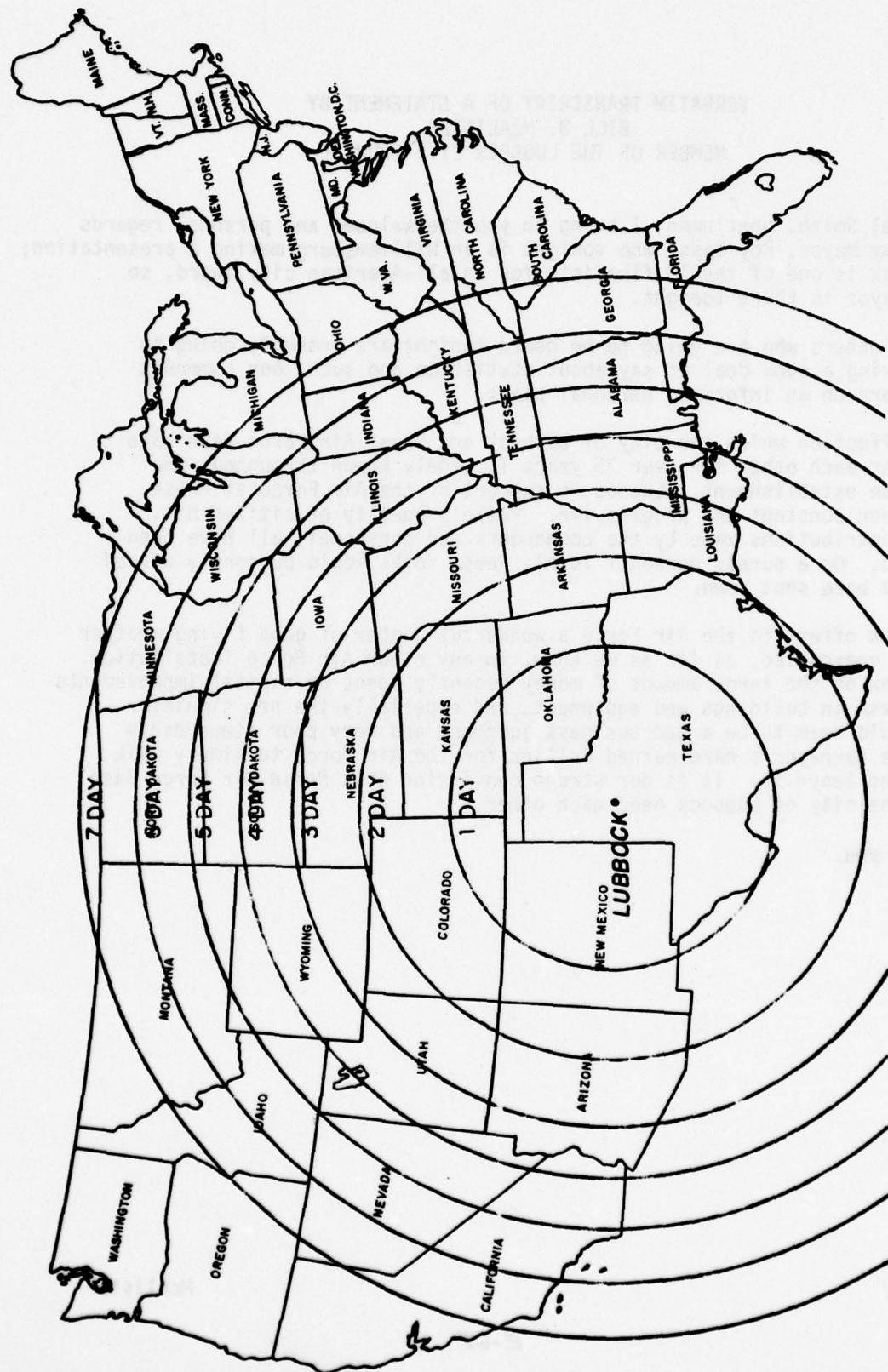
Oil Transport Company  
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### Fresh Meat Carriers

Robert Heath Truck Company  
The Three J's, Inc.

### Household Goods Carriers

A Hub City Movers (Global Van Lines, Inc.)  
American-Mayflower Moving & Storage Services  
Armstrong Warehouse & Transfer, Inc. (United Van Lines)  
B & H Warehouse, Inc. (American Red Ball Transit Company, Inc.)  
Delta Moving & Storage (Allied Van Lines, Inc.)  
Frank Fortner Transfer & Storage (Lyon Van Lines) & (Airline Vans)  
Hart Moving & Storage (King Van Lines)  
Luther-North American, Inc. (North American Van Lines)  
Mayfield Van Lines & Warehouse (Atlas Van Lines)  
Morris Movers (local moving only)  
Petes Moving Service (local moving only)  
Cecil Puryear Moving (local moving only)  
Strong Transfer & Storage Company (North American Van Lines)  
Willis Moving & Storage (Bekins Van Lines Company)



LUBBOCK'S MOTOR FREIGHT SERVICE

VERBATIM TRANSCRIPT OF A STATEMENT BY  
BILL B. McALISTER  
MEMBER OF THE LUBBOCK CITY COUNCIL

Colonel Smith, gentlemen, I bring to you the welcome and personal regards from my Mayor, Roy Bass, who tonight is in Williamsburg making a presentation; Lubbock is one of the 18 finalists for an all-American city award, so the Mayor is there tonight.

Since others who are going to be heard tonight are probably going to be giving a good deal of say about statistics and such, our comments are more on an informal, personal plane.

The affection which the city of Lubbock and Reese Air Force Base have had for each other for over 35 years is widely known throughout the defense establishment. Lubbock's support of the Air Force at Reese has been constant and progressive. Reese's quality of citizenship, the contributions made by the commanders and personnel, all have been superb. On a purely personal level, Reese folks would be sorely missed if the base shut down.

Lubbock offers to the Air Force a wonderful number of good flying weather days, unexcelled, as far as we know, in any other Air Force installation. In view of the large amount of money recently spent on capital improvements at Reese in buildings and equipment, and especially the new simulator, it would seem to be a bad business judgment and very poor stewardship of the taxpayer's hard-earned dollars for the Air Force to simply walk off and leave it. It is our strong conviction that Reese Air Force Base and the city of Lubbock need each other.

Thank you.

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VERBATIM TRANSCRIPT OF A STATEMENT BY  
J. PETE THOMPSON  
MAYOR OF ABERNATHY, TEXAS

Colonel Smith and panel, I appreciate the opportunity to address you concerning the operation of Reese Air Base. I would like to point out the Abernathy community feels the closing of Reese Air Base would eventually have an adverse effect upon its economy. Past experience has shown that when Lubbock and our other neighboring cities have economic problems, our city is eventually affected. Reese Air Force Base personnel and Abernathy have always enjoyed a very close relationship. Past Reese commanders and personnel have visited our city on numerous occasions, and many of our citizens have reciprocated. Abernathy is located approximately 25 miles northwest of Reese, and we feel that Reese is a part of our community. The respect which Reese personnel hold for this area is evidenced by the large number of retired people who now call this area their home. The Lubbock area is a low unemployment area, due to the energy and resourcefulness of its people. The people are patriotic, and they respect the people in uniform and they support a strong defense posture. Higher education facilities in this area are excellent and available to Reese personnel. We believe the US Department of Defense should maintain and continue to upgrade those training facilities located in areas where personnel is respected and higher education is available. The people in our community feel that it is in the best interest of our country to continue operations at Reese Air Force Base, and we respectfully request the Department of Defense to continue operation of Reese Air Force Base. Thank you, gentlemen. We're glad you're here.

VERBATIM TRANSCRIPT OF A STATEMENT BY  
CLARENCE WHITESIDE  
BUSINESSMAN AND FORMER MAYOR OF LUBBOCK

Mr. Secretary, Colonel Smith and your associates here, I was a member of the City Commission of Lubbock from '48 to '52. My picture, like a lot of the others, is on the wall behind you there. Somebody says that's quite an array of monkey figures, but maybe you can judge differently there.

We are a patriotic community. I have served in the Armed Forces of our country. I've been in a lot of places, like you, where the uniform wasn't quite as patriotic appearance. I participated in two things. One is that I was the last operating officer and closed down Pan American Airways for the Navy, so that I've been in a number of places myself, but then I had the other privilege of signing the deed that goes to Reese Air Force Base. That was in the city of Lubbock. During World War II, in the patriotism that we reflected in our community, this community bought the land that Reese Air Force Base is on, the so-called Lindsey pasture, some 1600 or 1700 acres. Also, we bought an additional section of land near our municipal airport that we had, the South Plains Army Airfield, which was a glider base. We immediately had this problem with us that we had two closed bases on each side of us, which we owned the land. When you gave your synopsis here while ago, it reminded me of a lot that we went into in the '48-'52 era. We talked about a real large base with a lot of people. We didn't opt for that, we opted for this type of operational thing in our community, somewhat smaller than a lot of other places, that we could absorb in our community and afford the privilege of close cooperation that we have had all these years with so many people at Reese Air Force Base. Most of your commanders we have called on a first name basis, been a member of our clubs, our churches. So many of you have come back; I'm talking about others that come back to this community because they felt it's such a good place to live, generals and privates. Even the leader of our symphony orchestra was stationed at Lubbock Army Airfield, Bill Harrod, he came back here to live. And on and on you've become part of us and part of our community. Many of us have gone to other bases and looked them over when we were considering what would we do with the old Lubbock Army Airfield. Now, we would have been glad to have continued the \$1.00 a year lease basis, but we found that the Air Force wanted a deed to it, on a promise and commitment that that would be a permanent base. Let that be part of the record here. That is a firm commitment that was made to us at that time, and I think, gentlemen and any other person who might consider the possibilities of this process that you're going through, that should be a very definite thing to think about. Yes, we would like to continue the lease thing for reverse back to the city, if you ceased operations there, but because of this commitment we deeded it in fee to you, and I'm here to testify to that today.

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Like I say, you've become a part of us and we've become a part of you. And when you come into economics, economics goes beyond dollars and cents, it goes into personality of people, and we're that kind of people. We're glad to have you in this community, and your people have been glad to be with us, as we can point out so many relevant statistics in that regard. We sincerely hope that these fondnesses of the past will be maintained and that this base will be continued for the facts that will be presented and have been presented to you. Thank you very much.

COL SMITH: Thank you, Mr. Whiteside. This is my first trip to this community, and I was walking around Reese Air Force Base yesterday and I noticed they erected an old windmill out there and there's a bronze plaque--I think the plaque was dedicated out there on the 11th of October of this year, if my memory serves me right--commemorating the fact that the city of Lubbock had conveyed the property to the Air Force. Very interesting.

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VERBATIM TRANSCRIPT OF A STATEMENT BY  
ROD SHAW, COUNTY JUDGE OF LUBBOCK COUNTY

Colonel Smith and members of the hearing panel, it's my pleasure to appear before you to state to the Secretary of the Air Force in behalf of our community and the retention of Reese Air Force Base. I am Rod Shaw, the Lubbock County Judge. It's been my privilege during my 12 years of service as County Judge to realize the warm, cordial relationship between Reese Air Force Base and our community. It's something that hasn't just happened recently but has existed during the entire existence of Reese Air Force Base. I know that, in hearing various arguments from various communities, you will probably hear that all communities feel they have a cordial relationship, but I think that ours can be established definitely from years of duration, and probably testimony and communications to you from past commanders of Reese Air Force Base, from personnel who have lived here and who have settled here as a permanent home. I feel that this relationship between Reese and the community is something that, although intangible, is a real item to consider in the continuation of Reese Air Force Base, because the citizenship that is exercised and demonstrated by the personnel at Reese in our inter-relationship with the community is something more than just the existence of military personnel in our locality. I was in the service; I was in the Navy for 2 1/2 years. I was in some communities that had sort of an off-limits policy. There were places where we couldn't go in town and places where we weren't welcome. So I have seen that, here at Reese Air Force Base, that the personnel have an opportunity to be not only a military component, but have an opportunity to continue their citizenship in the United States and to be a part of our community and thereby, I think, be continuing citizens as they do, many of them, find their way back here as their permanent home. This is intangible but a real component, I think, to our presentation on the retention of Reese Air Force Base.

In relation to Reese's existence, it can be established better by others than me, but Reese was established for a definite need, as Mayor Whiteside just pointed out. It has been expanded continually. There is construction continuing, as you have mentioned. Some is in process at this time. It would seem a terrible loss to our country and a prohibitive expense in the event of a national emergency to try to recoup these facilities if they were allowed to deteriorate and go to waste as would undoubtedly happen if they were diverted to other uses and time went by. So I believe this would be an economic impact not just on our community but on our nation as a whole if Reese Air Force Base would be closed at this or any other time.

Now, there are a couple of points that I would like to mention. We in Lubbock and Lubbock County don't like to think negatively, we like to think positively. But we are at the present time in a tremendous rebuilding program as an aftermath of our 1970 tornado. It is an all-out

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effort on the part of our community. There are many areas of our community that are in the process of rebuilding that require a continued all-out effort and a participation by all of the personnel in our community, many of whom have base affiliations which help them to be in our community. We also at the present time are looking to the Lubbock County taxpayers to provide a teaching hospital for the medical school at Texas Tech University. It was provided that the State would furnish the medical school and the Lubbock County taxpayers would furnish a teaching hospital. The financial picture has changed, so that rather than building this with grant funds, it's being built with borrowed money. About 12 million dollars of the approximately 22 million dollar teaching hospital is coming from borrowed money, that money to be repaid over a number of years; and not only that, but it looks as if we are facing a predicted operating deficit in this teaching hospital. It's very vital, not just to Lubbock County but to West Texas and New Mexico, that this medical school does continue to prosper and it become and maintain a rating as a first class medical school. I feel that any diminution in our economic growth would be probably a catastrophic impact on this attempt on our part to have these two areas of growth, rebuilding from the tornado and the efforts to provide medical services to entire West Texas and New Mexico.

But I feel like that it's not only something we should look at from our own standpoint in the community and West Texas, but also for the good of our country, and we feel that it's for the good of our country that Reese Air Force Base be maintained open. Thank you for letting me appear.

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VERBATIM TRANSCRIPT OF A STATEMENT BY  
JUDGE GLENN W. THOMPSON  
PRESIDENT, SOUTH PLAINS ASSOCIATION OF GOVERNMENTS

I'm Judge Glenn W. Thompson, President of the South Plains Association of Governments. Mr. Secretary, Colonel Smith and other distinguished members of the panel, as President of the South Plains Association of Governments, which is designated by the State of Texas as Planning Region 2 and encompasses 15 surrounding counties, I would like to make the following statements in relation to the alternative of closing Reese Air Base of Lubbock, Texas.

From a regional viewpoint, closing Reese Air Force Base would have a significant adverse impact on the South Plains economy. Although the initial impact would be limited primarily to Lubbock County, the surrounding rural counties would soon feel the sting of the recession due to the existing interdependency with the growth center of Lubbock. As noted in the environmental assessment, unemployment would rise above 6 percent in Lubbock County, reflecting in loss of 1904 jobs. The regional output would decrease by 59.8 million dollars. These are significant effects which would be avoided if the region continues to grow and prosper. The impact of closing Reese Air Force Base would seriously affect the rural communities of Shallowater, Wolfforth, Smyer, Ropesville, Meadow, and Anton, as well as other communities in the surrounding counties, many of which are designated as economically depressed areas by the Federal Government. A rising rate of unemployment in Lubbock would have a domino effect on the adjoining communities in the area.

The location of Reese Air Force Base on the South Plains of Texas gives more days of training time due to good weather conditions than other locations mentioned heretofore. To support this, the United States Government has made a grant to Texas Tech and the city of Crosbyton, Texas, to build an experimental solar energy project plant. The flat terrain of the South Plains area provides availability of establishing practice landing fields in a minimum amount of time and expenditure should this become necessary in an emergency situation. Continuing educational opportunities are available to the personnel and families in nearby counties, with junior and senior colleges being located in Lubbock, Plainview, and Levelland. Members of Reese Air Force Base have become a part of this South Plains area by serving on advisory committees. The officers, students, personnel, and other family members are taking an active part in planning for the orderly growth and development of the South Plains region. They are responsible citizens, active in and working for the betterment of Reese Air Force Base and surrounding communities while stationed here in Lubbock. A strong military force, properly trained at the minimum cost to the taxpayers, should always be our goal. I believe the points I have made about Reese have helped achieve this goal. From a regional view, the closing of Reese Air Force Base is not a viable alternative and should be avoided to the extent possible. I thank you.

VERBATIM TRANSCRIPT OF A STATEMENT BY  
JOE ROBBINS, STATE REPRESENTATIVE ELECT

Colonel Smith, members of the panel, thank you very much for the opportunity to speak to the Secretary of the Air Force this evening. I'm sure you'll be besieged with concern over the economic importance of Reese Air Force Base on the Lubbock economy, and I want to add my voice to that concern that any closing of Reese would have an adverse effect on our economy. As an elected official, my primary concern is with the efficient and prudent use of tax dollars at all levels of government, and that's where I'd like to make my main comment. As I understand the Air Force's problem, it is one of the capacity to overproduce their needs in terms of pilots, thus the need to close bases for reasons of economy and efficiency. I applaud any governmental agency making economy cuts, but believe any consideration to close Reese should be very carefully considered. Part of the capacity to overproduce pilots is cause by having too many bases. This problem is enhanced, as I understand it, by modern technology with the introduction of instrument flight simulators. Reese is the pilot project in the Air Force move to the simulators. Some 4.2 million dollars has already been spent on the simulator building alone. It's now complete, and with the arrival of the simulators it will become the first installation of its kind in the flight training command. This installation of the latest in flight technology is only the most recent in a long series of improvements made at Reese to make it a permanent and modern air base. I believe the Government's investment in Reese is too large and the base's capability of carrying out its training mission and efficiency is too complete for our good neighbor to the west to even be considered as an alternative closing site. Thank you very much.

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W. G. McMILLIAN, JR.  
LUBBOCK CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

Mr. Secretary, Colonel Smith, members of the panel, my purpose in appearing before you tonight is as Chairman of the Armed Forces Committee of the Lubbock Chamber of Commerce, and, gentlemen, what I'd like to reveal to you tonight is not in the cold facts in the pamphlet that has been delivered to you, but in the relationship that the people of Lubbock have with Reese Air Force Base people. Our relationship with the personnel of Reese Air Base is the envy of all the bases in the United States. Mr. Barron has pointed out to you that the Secretary of the Air Force has presented the Lubbock Chamber of Commerce with a certificate of appreciation. Just last year Reese Air Base in turn gave the Armed Forces Committee a plaque for its outstanding service and support to its military personnel. Gentlemen, on an annual basis the Armed Forces Committee is engaged in various projects, such as the Airman of the Month Award each month, the Citizenship Award to the outstanding pilot. On a quarterly basis we provide tours for the foreign students that come to Reese Air Base. We generally have a nice dinner and a get-together for the new Wing commander. We also have a parting party, a stag party, for the departing commander. We primarily take part in all of the open house exercises at Reese Air Base, and we participate in a semi-annual golf tournament, a fishing trip, stag parties for the noncommissioned officers--rather, the officers--and all in all, gentlemen, we feel like that the citizens of Lubbock do more than any other community in America to make the military people of Reese Air Base feel like Lubbock is their home. I venture to say if you gentlemen give us 60 days, we'd like to have you come back to Lubbock and take out your citizenship. It's quite evident that some of the gentlemen that have spoken about military personnel making Lubbock their home, and, gentlemen, I think there's nothing that speaks higher for the citizens of Lubbock and their relationship and their feeling toward the military personnel than for somebody to say, "I'd like to go back and make Lubbock my home." Thank you very much.

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VERBATIM TRANSCRIPT OF A STATEMENT BY  
GORDON TREADAWAY, AIR FORCE ASSOCIATION

Mr. Presiding Officer, and through you and the members of the panel, to the Secretary of the Air Force. I speak to you, I frankly believe, on the basis of authority. First, let me explain that statement. I was stationed at Lubbock Army Airfield during World War II. I reported there on June 20, 1942, when General Harmon of the Air Force dedicated the Lubbock Army Airfield. At that time thousands of people from the South Plains area gathered at that dedication ceremony. The feeling expressed in 1942 has continued to date. The people of Lubbock speak to you from a position of strength, and part of this strength is a result of the high degree of cooperation between the personnel of Reese Air Force Base and the civilian community. I think it was Woodrow Wilson who once said, "Nothing is as effective as the spontaneous cooperation of a free people." That's what we have here in West Texas between Reese and between the citizens of Lubbock. As a member of the Air Force Association, I would like to state that we have an active chapter of the Air Force Association here in Lubbock, Texas. We have 943 members, about half of whom are military personnel, either active or retired, and the other consists of active citizens of this community. I've watched the relationship between Reese Air Force Base and this community over the years, and to me, one of the highest privileges in my life is the relationship that I have experienced personally with the military personnel. We feel that we all have a job to do and by working together we are doing and shall continue to do this job. Thank you.

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VERBATIM TRANSCRIPT OF A STATEMENT BY  
DR. R. C. DOUGLAS, PRESIDENT, UNITED WAY

Thank you, Colonel, for the opportunity of speaking to you in regards to Lubbock United Way. I'm a one on one doctor; I'm a volunteer. Lubbock's United Way is in the business of lifting people up instead of putting people down. Reese Air Force Base has joined with the United Way in this wonderful volunteer effort. I can look out here among my fellow townsmen and I can see face upon face upon face of volunteers that cooperate with Reese Air Force Base and the United Way in doing the things that people ought to do for themselves. As you can very well see, we are a proud people, and we are proud of Reese Air Force Base. Expressed in terms of money, which is a sorry way to express thanks, nevertheless Reese Air Force Base over a period of five years has contributed through the Combined Federal Campaign \$314,437 to Lubbock United Way, which represents about 3/4 of the contribution of the Combined Federal Campaign itself. Through the three years that I have had an opportunity to visit and be a part of the executive committee of United Way, we have had access to command, we have had cooperation from command at all levels of Reese Air Force Base, and we have had wonderful cooperation and performance from our airmen. For this we are profoundly grateful. It represents a type of cooperation which unites Air Force with city, and you have heard this expressed in a multitude of times here this evening. I point out to you the social impact, the social impact of closing Reese Air Force Base upon our community. You are important to us. Hopefully, we are equally important to you. We're all volunteers in this great endeavor. By cooperating together we'll have a greater city, a greater Lubbock, a greater Texas, and a greater nation. Thanks to you, it works for all of us.

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3808 TOWNSVILLE ROAD, DOWNTOWN, TEXAS.

VERBATIM TRANSCRIPT OF A STATEMENT BY  
DORMAN IGO, PRESIDENT, DOWNTOWN BUSINESS ASSOCIATION

Colonel Smith, Secretary of Air Force, and gentlemen. In two separate meetings today with the Downtown Merchants Association, with a poll from that group along with the Greater Lubbock Development Association, our group has--both of these groups have gone on record as expressing a deep concern of the ability to--the Air Force, Reese staying in Lubbock, Texas. This afternoon in one of our meetings a resolution came forth from that meeting, and if I may read that to you and make it a part of the permanent record.

(Resolution attached.)

Thank you very much for your consideration in Reese being a part of this community.

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RESOLUTION OF THE GREATER LUBBOCK DEVELOPMENT ASSOCIATION REGARDING  
THE FUTURE OF REESE AIR FORCE BASE

WHEREAS, Reese Air Force Base has been an important institution in  
the City of Lubbock since 1942; and

WHEREAS, said Reese Air Force Base has contributed favorably to  
employment, business and other economic conditions in the City of Lubbock; and

WHEREAS, the many personnel of Reese Air Force Base have made significant  
and vital civic and cultural contributions to the City of Lubbock; and

WHEREAS, the Secretary of the United States Air Force is conducting  
environmental impact hearings regarding the feasibility of closing Reese  
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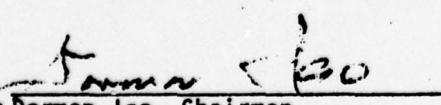
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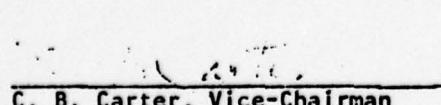
SECTION 1. THAT the members of the Association express their great  
appreciation for the contributions, both economic and civic, made by  
Reese Air Force Base and the personnel of said Institution to the  
City of Lubbock.

SECTION 2. THAT the members of the Association respectfully request  
that the Secretary of the Air Force consider favorably the continued  
operation of Reese Air Force Base.

The above and foregoing Resolution, having passed by unanimous  
vote of the members of the Greater Lubbock Development Association of  
Lubbock, Texas on the 8th day of November, 1976, is presented to the  
Secretary of the Air Force this 8th day of November, 1976.

GREATER LUBBOCK DEVELOPMENT ASSOCIATION

  
Dorman Igo, Chairman

  
C. B. Carter, Vice-Chairman

VERBATIM TRANSCRIPT OF A STATEMENT BY  
DOUGLAS BOREN, PRESIDENT, CLEARING HOUSE ASSOCIATION

Mr. Chairman, gentlemen of the committee, my name is Douglas Boren and I'm President of the Security National Bank of Lubbock and am currently the Chairman of the Lubbock Clearing House Association, and the Clearing House Association represents the eight banks of Lubbock. Under the Clearing House Association I took it on myself to call the presidents of the banks in the city of Sollforth, Shallowater, and Levelland. These communities are all located near Reese Air Force Base and I think that the same economic impact in closing the base would apply to those cities as well as the banks in Lubbock. The Chamber of Commerce has presented you with many facts and details. Many of the other speakers have spoken of the effects of closing Reese Air Force Base, and I think that the same thing applies to all of the communities in which you will visit, the adverse things will affect Lubbock and surrounding communities as much as any of the others. I will not take time to read the letters that I have from the various banks in the area, but I have one from the First State Bank in Shallowater, the First National Bank in Levelland, the Lubbock National Bank of Lubbock, the American State Bank of Lubbock, the Texas Commerce Bank of Lubbock, the Bank of the West of Lubbock, First Federal Savings and Loan of Lubbock, the Century Savings and Loan of Lubbock and Slaton, and Briercroft Savings and Loan of Lubbock. We feel that in each of these cases the information coming from the Lubbock Chamber of Commerce applies equally with all of us. And, as previously stated, as a businessman and banker I am sure that all of the adverse things that you hear would affect greatly Lubbock and the surrounding communities, and I think that also, as has been previously stated, that Lubbock is a city large enough to provide a better place for your airmen and the airmen's families who come here to serve. We have the most fabulous educational facilities, social, religious, cultural activities that are available anywhere in the Air Force today. Because of the great engineering technologies that are required, I would like to point out that we have an outstanding school of engineering and business at Texas Tech University, a medical school and law school. Experts are available for consultation of your people that are stationed here at Reese, should they so desire. I don't know that these things are available at all other of the pending places that you're talking about closing. I think these are extremely important to consider, because many businesses have moved to Lubbock because of our outstanding school. And while we're on that, I don't know where else that you could see the number 5 team in the nation play football. Very seriously, the financial institutions of this area would miss Reese very much if it's closed. We like Reese, and we will provide the financial assistance that's necessary for your people as it's needed. We'll do a good job for you.

(Letters attached)

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MABRY J. BROCK  
President

November 5, 1976

The Honorable James W. Plummam  
Secretary of the Air Force  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Plummam:

As a representative of the business community of the City of Shallowater and the surrounding area, we respectfully ask that you consider the possibility of retaining Reese Air Force Base.

The economic impact of Reese Air Force Base to this area is almost immeasurable. Shallowater is within an eight minute drive of the Base and approximately twenty people are directly employed by Reese Air Force Base, either as military or civilian employees. The families of these people are employed in Shallowater in various businesses, including this bank. We estimate the payroll loss alone, from the personnel directly employed at the Base, to be several thousand dollars. The additional negative impact of dollars spent in the community compounds the loss. It is difficult to measure the additional loss of leadership that this community of approximately 1800 people would suffer.

We urge that you continue to use the splendid flying weather available at Reese Air Force Base, which we believe will ultimately save millions of dollars for the U. S. Air Force.

Sincerely,

*Mabry J. Brock*  
Mabry J. Brock  
President



November 5, 1976

CHARLES R. BATTIN  
EXECUTIVE VICE PRESIDENT

Mr. Doug Boren  
President  
Security National Bank  
P. O. Box 268  
Lubbock, Texas 79408

Dear Doug:

As spokesman for the Lubbock Clearing House Association we wish to expand your representation to include The First National Bank of Levelland regarding the hearing on Monday night relative to Reese Air Force Base.

The threat of closing this facility is most alarming and would definitely have an adverse effect on our local economy. With the base located less than 25 miles from Levelland, we have many residents who work and/or teach at Reese; South Plains Junior College is very involved in the education programs at the base; and the military and civilian personnel represent a significant part of our consumer buying power in the area.

Having personally lived through part of the aftermath of the air base closing in Amarillo several years ago, I would hate to see the same thing happen to Lubbock and the South Plains area. Although these economic factors may not be of interest to "Washington", it would seem that certain factors should be considered. Having built up the facility through the years to its present size and structure, a closing or phasing out at this time would be detrimental to our employment versus unemployment situation; cause an excessive surplus in housing (thus reducing our relative real estate values); and would be detrimental to area commerce and trade. The general effect of closing the air base would adversely effect our local economy just as would the closing of any other large industrial enterprise in the area.

We strongly support your efforts in making these facts known to the committee. Thank you for your help and assistance in this important matter.

Yours truly,

Charles R. Battin

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THE LUBBOCK NATIONAL BANK  
LUBBOCK, TEXAS

WAYNE FINNELL  
PRESIDENT  
AND CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

November 3, 1976

Special Assistant for Environmental Quality  
Office of the Secretary of the Air Force (SAF/ILE)  
Washington, D. C. 20330

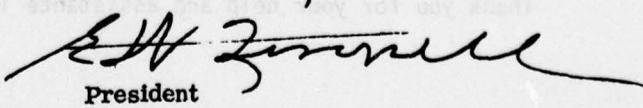
Dear Sir:

From a businessman's viewpoint, in my opinion, any closing or reduction of activities at Reese Air Force Base would have an adverse economic impact upon this community and area. Many of the civilian employees at Reese live in the surrounding small towns, where they are contributors to the economy and the civic welfare of their communities.

Many capital expenditures have been made by this community anticipating the continuation of activities at Reese Air Force Base.

From a practical standpoint for our government, there are many permanent and new facilities at Reese which would have very little resale value but, in my opinion, are very important to the continuation of a first-class pilot training program for our country.

Yours very truly,



President

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## AMERICAN STATE BANK

WELDON GIBBS  
SENIOR VICE PRESIDENT

LUBBOCK, TEXAS 79408

November 6, 1976

The Department of the Air Force  
Office of the Secretary  
Washington, D.C. 20013

Gentlemen:

We direct the following information to you as supporting evidence along with that of other community interests concerning the effect of the closing of Reese Air Force Base, Lubbock, Texas. This information is in response to the Environmental Impact Analysis Report by members of the Air Force which was reviewed with representatives of the banking industry a few weeks ago.

It is evident that the closing of Reese Air Force Base would make necessary extreme and costly adjustments in most every community interest.

We are aware that a somewhat comprehensive statistical report is being presented by the Lubbock Chamber of Commerce to the Air Force concerning the total effect that would be expected should the subject base be closed. We endorse fully this report. Since the report deals with the general economic impact, we do not submit a detailed report, but emphasize the direct effect upon this institution.

Because of the geographic location of this bank in relation to the base, the primary impact by loss of deposits would be secondary to the loss suffered through our customers involved in manufacturing, processing, distribution, etc. We would, in that area, expect serious loss in proportion to the effect on the general economy as indicated in the Chamber of Commerce report.

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In addition to the loss generally resulting to the economy as a whole, we believe a conservative estimate of loss to this bank to be equivalent to five paid positions with an annual payroll of approximately \$42,000.00.

Our figures indicate a loss of approximately Five Million Dollars in deposits would result from the closing of the subject base. Thus the funds available for loans to finance agriculture, agriculturally-related industry, manufacturing, business and consumer needs would be substantially reduced.

In addition to the economic factors, we believe Lubbock offers to Reese Air Force Base personnel opportunities for recreation, entertainment, and cultural activities, along with retail outlets to serve effectively the needs of a large military establishment.

Very truly yours,

  
Weldon Gibbs

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**Texas Commerce Bank**  
National Association

**GEORGE C. MILLER**  
Senior Vice President

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November 8, 1976

Mr. Douglas Boren  
Chairman  
Lubbock Clearing House Association  
Lubbock, Texas 79400

Dear Mr. Boren:

In re Environmental Impact Hearing  
Reese Air Force Base, Lubbock, Texas

This letter is in reference to the Environmental Impact Hearing on Reese Air Force Base, Texas to be held in Lubbock, Texas on Monday, November 8, 1976.

Texas Commerce Bank National Association is in opposition to the closing of Reese Air Force Base due to the severe adverse economic conditions which would result from such closing. In the Environmental Impact statement made by the Lubbock Chamber of Commerce at this hearing there are economic statistics which outline clearly the adverse economic impact on this city were the decision made by the Department of the Air Force to close Reese Air Force Base. Texas Commerce Bank National Association supports these economic statistics and respectfully requests that the Department of the Air Force consider carefully the impact indicated thereby in their decisions affecting the stability of Reese Air Force Base, Lubbock, Texas.

Very truly yours,

*George C. Miller*  
Senior Vice President

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# BANK of the WEST

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Member FDIC

WILLARD PAIN  
CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD  
CHIEF EXECUTIVE

November 5, 1976

To: Doug Boren, President  
Security National Bank, Lubbock, Texas

From: Willard Paine, Chairman of the Board  
Bank of the West, Lubbock, Texas

Subject: Environmental Impact of the Proposed Closing of Reese Airforce Base

Reese Airforce Base has over its long history become a very intricate part of the social, civic and economic community of Lubbock and surrounding areas. This has been brought about by the unusual positive attitude toward the community of the service people and the unique outlook of Lubbock and of people in the area towards Reese not only as an economic and cultural addition to the community but it's importance in our national defense.

Speaking as one financial institution in the community, we have thousands of accounts such as checking, savings and loans from service people or others directly connected with the base operations. Several hundred thousand dollars in pay checks are deposited direct from sources of payment to the bank each month. Other hundred of thousands are brought in by individual customers. Naturally any lowering of the high standards of operations of the base would be a great economic loss to this financial institution and other people we serve and is an indication of the financial loss that would be suffered by other institutions both financial, retail and wholesale in the community.

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To : Doug Boren

**Subject: Environmental Impact of the Proposed Closing of Reese Airforce Base**

Anytime there is a reduction in the financial status of a community, this means immediately a reduction in jobs available and an increase in unemployment ratios.

Respectfully submitted,

William H. Davis

**Chairman of the Board  
Chief Executive**

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SAVINGS AND LOAN ASSOCIATION OF LUBBOCK, TEXAS

ROBERT A. EDWARDS  
PRESIDENT

November 8, 1976

Mr. Douglas Borne, President  
Security National Bank  
Lubbock, Texas

Re: Environmental Impact Study of Closing Reese Air Force Base

Dear Doug:

Thank you for the opportunity to express our views on the economic effects of closing RAFB. As a home mortgage lender we are vitally concerned with the factors that affect the housing market within our community. The closing of RAFB would certainly have an adverse effect on the area housing market.

A large percentage of the base personnel as well as civilian personnel are home owners. Should the base be closed, it would be necessary for all these home owners who are to be relocated to put their home up for sale. A sudden, excessive supply of available homes for sale would tend to decrease the eventual selling price of these homes. As a result, those people having to move would not realize the maximum value from the sale of their property. In addition, other citizens of the community who are attempting to sell their homes for various reasons would not be able to market their homes as readily as under normal market conditions.

Although it is apparent that the Lubbock business community would be hurt by the closing of Reese AFB, the most unfortunate result of the closing would be felt by those individuals whose primary financial asset is the equity in their home. Millions of dollars of local funds have been invested in providing excellent housing for the citizens of our community including those of our citizens who are connected with RAFB. This housing cannot be duplicated anywhere else at the present values found in the Lubbock market. Because of this factor, a relocation of RAFB personnel would

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Mr. Douglas Borne

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inflict severe financial burdens on them.

As a taxpayer it seems a gross waste to abandon a facility that has cost all tax payers as much as RAFB has. If there was a need for the air training facility in the beginning, it would appear that the need still exists.

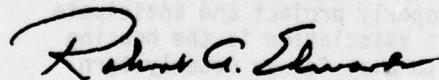
Certainly there were many positive factors evident to those who made the decision to maintain RAFB in Lubbock--namely, educational facilities such as Texas Tech University, excellent municipal and public facilities, favorable weather conditions, cooperation of business and civic leaders, community pride, response to the economic needs of RAFB personnel, and acceptance and support of the base. It should also be note that many retired military personnel find Lubbock to provide an excellent retirement environment. Without RAFB, these retirees would not derive the maximum from their retirement benefits.

In summation, it would appear that the closing of RAFB would cause undue harm to many of our citizens, or the "little man", as he is commonly referred to by big government.

Hopefully, this study will bear out our views and substantiate Lubbock's need for Reese Air Force Base, and the Air Force's need for Lubbock.

Sincerely,

FIRST FEDERAL SAVINGS  
AND LOAN ASSOCIATION



Robert A. Edwards  
President

JACK GAULDING  
PRESIDENT



**SENTRY SAVINGS ASSOCIATION**

November 8, 1976

Mr. Doug Boren  
P. O. Box 268

Lubbock, Texas 79408

Dear Mr. Boren:

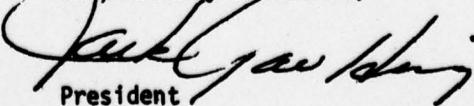
Respectfully I would request that consideration be given to Reese Air Force Base, perhaps in the light of two aspects, that is in Lubbock's interest toward the Air Base as well as Reese's outlook toward Lubbock. It seems it has been well established over the years that Lubbock represented itself as a model city for the establishment of a military facility. Certainly Reese is to be commended for its efforts in being more than a military installation, but a vital part of the personnel merging with citizenship of a community. This has seemed to be an established trend of the two communities working in harmony over the years of existence.

With this kind of compatible relation, certainly long range planning must be commensurate with growth expectations. It seems established that Lubbock has contributed to Reese's now, and future, expectations without asking for any type of increases. Certainly Reese and its personnel has been able to count on Lubbock's expansions for their needs in retail facilities, housing, financial needs, and cultural as well as educational development.

I mention these over all subject matters in lieu of specific items that each business of Lubbock must analyze in order to properly project and anticipate future growth. Specific matters related to this association is the housing industry in that we have financed and continue to plan for an orderly turn over of real estate property as it fits the needs of the Reese personnel. We hope that this plan has in turn facilitated the personnel of Reese so as to make them an active part of this community. It goes without saying that each business in Lubbock in some manner has concentrated on certain areas of specifics, thus justifying and improving the known and written harmony that has existed in the Lubbock-Reese community.

This association stands ready and willing at all times to further its relations with the citizens of Reese and it shall continue to expand our goals to serve in many ways.

Respectfully submitted,

  
President

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# BRIERCROFT SAVINGS AND LOAN ASSOCIATION

P. O. Box 6190 Lubbock, Texas 79413

DERRELL G. JONES

President

November 5, 1976

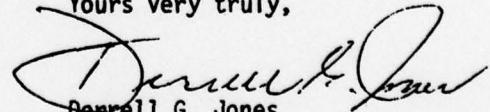
Douglas Boren, President  
Security National Bank  
P.O. Box 268  
Lubbock, Texas 79408

Dear Mr. Boren:

Reese Air Force Base is a vital part of our economy. One of the areas that would be affected most by any drastic change in our economy would be housing.

As I understand it, there are more than 2800 jobs connected with Reese Air Force Base. I also understand that there are over 1700 family units that either own their own home or rent facilities not furnished by the base. The combined loss of jobs and the resulting sudden availability of additional housing units, either for rent or sale, would critically affect our housing industry.

Yours very truly,



Derrell G. Jones  
President

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VERBATIM TRANSCRIPT OF A STATEMENT BY  
DR. O. W. ENGLISH  
LUBBOCK, CROSBY, GARZA MEDICAL SOCIETY

Mr. Secretary, Colonel Smith, members of the panel, I represent in part 50 years of medicine in Lubbock, Texas, and I come here as a representative of the medical community. We have sufficient hospital beds to count up to a thousand or more. This could be enlarged to maybe 20, 30, or 40 percent more by putting more beds in the rooms which we have. These hospitals are of course church supported, community supported, and with the new hospital which the County hospital district is about to open one of these days, we will have well over a thousand beds available for use. We'd like to offer to your group, the Air Force, the fact that we do have approximately 300 doctors in our community, over half of whom are board-certified specialists. We have a neurosurgical unit here which has been in use for over 20 years now, operating sometimes--at the present time, I know, there are approximately 80 patients of a neurosurgical nature in the hospitals. We also have a cardiovascular unit here which we think is even better than some others in larger areas. There have been in open heart surgery more cases in this last week than they did in some of the larger centers. We boastfully will admit to you that our mortality and morbidity rate is probably as low or lower than some of the ones that are more widely known. Gentlemen, I would like on behalf of the medical profession to offer you a continuation of availability to Reese Air Force and the whole Air Force the facilities which Lubbock, Texas, can offer in a medical way, and I thank you for this opportunity.

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VERBATIM TRANSCRIPT OF A STATEMENT BY  
PAT GARRETT, PRESIDENT, LUBBOCK BOARD OF REALTORS

Gentlemen, I'm Pat Garrett, President of the Lubbock Board of Realtors. I'd like to say we're tremendously honored to have the staff and personnel of Reese as good citizens of Lubbock, and we'd like to keep it that way. We know that, as you have reported on the screen and in the statistics various ways, this would be a tremendous adverse effect on our housing industry and we'd have a rather large increase in our vacancy rate. I think all of the adverse things have pretty well been brought to light in the manner of statistical information, both previously and tonight and in the Chamber of Commerce booklet. I would like to bring to your attention, however, some of the advantages that may not have been brought up, the fact that housing in Lubbock for the military is tremendously good. We have housing that is adequate for you to have off-base housing for the majority of your officers, personnel. We feel like this is an advantage due to the fact that the Air Force has less of an investment in housing, which we think certainly should be invested in other items of preparation for war or at least military strength. And again, this creates a stimulus to free enterprise, which we know that you men are interested in. The real estate business is not a business of the Air Force, as I understand it, and certainly you would not like to get into it any further. We do have housing at a price that we feel like is certainly competitive with any place in the country. We feel that we're 15 to 20 percent below the housing market over the country, and statistics will verify this. Our average housing at this time is running about \$38,422 on our average basis. This last year it was about \$36,000. We're producing around 800 houses a year, new houses, for consumption or use by the military as well as the civilian personnel of this city. We presently have an estimated 11,000 apartment units here, plus duplexes, quadruplexes, and rental units of a total of 24,000 is what we estimate. On our rental basis, the units rent from \$150 to \$300 a month for the better class people, or the better class of rentals. This we think is certainly in line. We feel that this is an outstanding characteristic that Lubbock has. It creates good housing at a reasonable figure for personnel of Reese and in turn will make them happier and you'll have better personnel by them being happier in their quarters and be better able to serve this United States in the Air Force. We hope that Reese will be here for many years to come. Thank you.

Garrett

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VERBATIM TRANSCRIPT OF A STATEMENT BY  
KEN THOMPSON, VICE PRESIDENT FOR ADMINISTRATION  
TEXAS TECH UNIVERSITY

Colonel Smith, gentlemen, I wanted to spend a few minutes this evening--without trying to outstatistic you, I'm generally familiar with the Air Force's data base, a very respectable one indeed--but to talk about interrelationship of Reese Air Force Base and Texas Tech University, which go well beyond the confines of Lubbock, Lubbock County, or the State of Texas. Among other of the concerns that we have, of course, are the typical ones. We have students who are both employed at the base and who are children of the employees of the base, and we likewise have some employees, both on the faculty and on the staff, who are currently active in the Air Force, and many retired Air Force employees. But one of the typical ramifications that we face is that if the market place on rental housing were to be affected adversely, our tens of millions of dollars in bonded indebtedness for housing on the campus, much of which is federally secured, would stand a significant risk of not being met by student fees. The combined reduction of students and the reduction of students living in University housing as a result of a depressed level of rental housing could have some pretty adverse effects on our ability to meet commitments, based upon the presence of Reese Air Force Base. Secondarily, as your own agency will attest, our ROTC program at Tech is one of the largest and one of the finest in the United States, and we consider its close proximity to Reese and our relationship with Reese and the amount of time that your people at Reese dedicate to that program and that our students spend on the Air Force base as being pretty important to the continued success of that ROTC program. In addition, we do some research for both the Federal government and the State government, and some of it we do on your own Air Force Base, as, for instance, a health and medical research program on the water quality of holding ponds at Reese Air Force Base. And I guess my point is that the problem, the potential problem, expands well beyond the State of Texas and Lubbock in particular, and goes to a great many, in fact tens of millions of dollars, of Federal commitments that our institution has that are dependent upon the presence of your institution. Finally, I suppose I think that, all wrapped up, that we at Texas Tech and you in the Air Force and the Lubbock community are probably richer for the relationship we have and I hope it will continue. Thank you.

Thompson, K.

VERBATIM TRANSCRIPT OF A STATEMENT BY  
DR. HARVEY PRUITT, PRESIDENT, LUBBOCK CHRISTIAN COLLEGE

Mr. Secretary, Colonel Smith, gentlemen, it's a pleasure to speak at this hearing today. I'm the President of Lubbock Christian College. Although I've been President of the College a very short time, I've been with the College for many years and I'm a native of Lubbock and have been acquainted with Reese since its beginning. I could agree with so many of the things that others have said, but I want to speak particularly for Lubbock Christian College and Lubbock Christian School. We are located on the western edge of Lubbock and are very close neighbors and have had a very congenial relationship with Reese personnel and dependents down through the years. From the very beginning we've had many of Reese people and their personnel and dependents in Lubbock Christian School and in Lubbock Christian College. We have at times had extension courses on the base for Reese personnel and their dependents, as well as others in the area who come on the base for the courses. We have many retired military people in Lubbock who have located in Lubbock because of Reese and who have been enrolled in the College or who have children who have been enrolled in Lubbock Christian School. Many of the Reese dependents who are enrolled in the school at the base or at the Frenship School District have helped in the training of our student teachers who have been with these classes. Presently we have a special degree program from FAA people, and this includes flight controllers at Reese Air Base. We also have several employees who are retired military people and who also live in Lubbock partially because Reese is located here. We believe that Reese personnel and dependents have had a great deal to offer to Lubbock Christian College and that we've had a great deal to offer to them. So I'm speaking for the educational impact which we believe such a closing would have. We certainly hope that Reese does continue, and in that hope we believe that we have great expectations for Reese and for Lubbock Christian College to continue to be good neighbors and to have this effect on each other. Thank you.

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VERBATIM TRANSCRIPT OF A STATEMENT BY  
FRANK HUNT, DEAN, SOUTH PLAINS COLLEGE

Mr. Secretary, members of the panel, Colonel Smith, I would like to say that I'm representing tonight Dr. Marvin Baker, President of the South Plains College, who could not be here because of a prior commitment. He has prepared, though, a statement which I would at this time like to relate to you.

(Statement attached)

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# South Plains College

Lowell, Texas 79336

MARVIN L. BAKER  
PRESIDENT

November 8, 1976

MEMORANDUM TO: Representatives Conducting Public Hearing  
in Relation to Reese Air Force Base closing, and Secretary of Air Force

FROM: Marvin L. Baker, President

Reese Air Force Base is a military installation with a heart. It has been the privilege of South Plains College to join forces with Reese in an endeavor to not only enlighten the military and civilian personnel in an educational way, but also to bring the citizenry of this region into the same cooperative venture. The success of the educational program at Reese Air Force Base is exemplified by its recognition by the U. S. Air Force on two occasions, in 1972 and 1973, as having one of the outstanding educational programs in its classification throughout the system of U. S. Air Force bases.

South Plains College is a fully accredited comprehensive community college. It offers a complete curriculum in both the academic and technical-vocational fields of study. Through its accreditation by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools, all course offerings taken by on-base students will transfer to any college or university in the world. This enables military and other personnel to learn while they work as the opportunity would not be available if travel were necessary. The Air Force has long been aware of the value of post-secondary education to its personnel, not only through its policy of financial encouragement, but also by actively supporting all of its Wing Commanders in their endeavor to schedule duty

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time to coincide with study time. The Commanders at Reese have always supported our educational program with their encouragement of military, civil service and civilian personnel to take advantage of educational opportunities. The schedule of classes exemplifies this attitude as classes begin at 7:00 a.m. and conclude at 10:00 p.m.

The South Plains College on-base educational program began at Reese with four courses taught, with eighty students enrolled during the spring of 1971. It has enjoyed steady growth to the present schedule of over fifty courses offered with nearly four hundred students enrolled. The tremendous growth resulted from the wisdom of the Wing Commanders who allowed the base education program to open its doors to civilians of the surrounding community. Not only did it assist course offerings to its military personnel through a more varied curriculum, but it fostered a warm, cordial relationship between the military base and surrounding neighbors. This and other community-minded projects has contributed greatly to the fact that Reese Air Force Base has become a full partner to the success and future of the South and Central Plains of Texas.

The on-base educational program has unique educational arrangements with Texas Tech University for upper division study after the first two years have been achieved through courses offered by South Plains College. Students may also take selected courses toward a Master's Degree program on base by enrolling in a graduate program with the University of Northern Colorado. Students that wish to continue vocational-technical training to the baccalaureate level may enroll in the occupational education program offered by Wayland Baptist College. Obviously, the marriage of the area institutions of higher education and Reese Air Force Base is complete with the mutual benefits available to all.

The cooperative and receptive good neighbor policy of Reese Air Force Base has been an inspiration to South Plains College and the entire area. We are happy that

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the opportunity prevailed for our institution to play a vital role in the understanding and appreciation held by all the citizenry for Reese Air Force Base. The Wing Commander and his staff are always leaders in accepting civic responsibility through leadership services in such civic campaigns as the United Way. The annual open house at Reese is a highlight for the entire area. Periodic air shows always draw large crowds of enthusiastic spectators. Reese encourages and welcomes base tours by various groups, as the weather on the South Plains rarely presents a day which is not ideal for such an activity.

Thank you for the opportunity to express our gratitude and appreciation to Reese Air Force Base and to express the desire that it must remain an active and permanent part of lives of all the people on the South and Central Plains of Texas. Reese Air Force Base, by its actions and community interest, is the epitome of what our military leaders feel a neighborhood military reservation should represent.

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Lubbock, Texas  
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VERBATIM TRANSCRIPT OF A STATEMENT BY  
CHARLES WATERS, PRESIDENT, LUBBOCK INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT

Colonel Smith, members of the panel, I'm Charles Waters, President of the board of trustees of the Lubbock Independent School District. Lubbock has 2200 teachers, over 1200 personnel that support the schools that educate 33,000 students here in Lubbock. Gentlemen, I'm here to tell you that Lubbock has one of the finest school systems to be found anywhere in the country. This is not an empty boast but one that can be verified by Reese personnel. We have approximately 950 students from Reese Air Force Base and we have about 100 students in our special education program. I'd like you to know that people move here from all over the State of Texas and from surrounding states in order to enroll their children in our special educational program. We think that this is a factor that should be considered by this committee, that Lubbock is able to offer an outstanding public school system to Reese Air Force personnel. Thank you.

Hunt

VERBATIM TRANSCRIPT OF A STATEMENT BY  
DON DAVIS, PRESIDENT, FRENSHIP INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT

Secretary of Army, members of the panel, I'm Don Davis, President of the Frenship school board at Wolfforth, Texas. It's our pleasure to speak tonight on behalf of the Frenship school, which is located at Wolfforth. Our school is accredited and offers a fine curriculum of more than 50 units of work that will prepare its graduates for college and for the working world. I feel that our school, community, and this South Plains area has a lot to offer people that come to Reese. Reese offers lots to our area too, culturally, socially, and economically. It has caused a steady growth in our school and community during the past several years. Reese students make up about 23 percent of our student body. We have approximately 2200 total students, 500 being base connected. If Reese should close, the district would lose 500 students, 20 teachers, \$170,000 in Public Law 874 money, and \$190,000 in State money. Losing 23 percent of our student body would naturally weaken our school system greatly. There would also be a great loss to the economy of the area. We have no desire to lose these fine people from Reese. They contribute greatly to our school community and to the South Plains area. We just cannot afford to lose Reese. I feel that this area is an ideal location for an air base because of the fine weather, the wide open spaces, and the levelness of our topography. Thank you.

Davis

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**VERBATIM TRANSCRIPT OF A STATEMENT BY  
JAMES MONTGOMERY, MAYOR, LEVELLAND, TEXAS**

Mr. Secretary, Colonel Smith, gentlemen, I am Jim Montgomery, Mayor of the City of Levelland. Levelland is located approximately 20 miles west of Reese Air Force Base. I think that anything I would say at this time would be repetitious. What the gentlemen have said, yes, the loss of Reese would have an economic impact on our city. We would like to see it continue in operation and would urge you to consider this in your deliberations, and we would hope that Reese would continue as an Air Force base for our area.

Montgomery

VERBATIM TRANSCRIPT OF A STATEMENT BY  
J. ROBERT WAYLAND, MAYOR, PLAINVIEW, TEXAS

Colonel, Mr. Secretary, and your panel, I would like to state that I'm a native of this country and I'm well aware of the wonderful work that Reese has been doing here ever since they've been located here. I have a letter here that I wrote to Mayor Roy Bass.

(Letter attached)

Wayland

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Roy Bass, Mayor  
P. O. Box 2000  
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Dear Mayor Bass:

We, the citizens of Plainview, Texas, are vitally interested in Reese Air Force Base at Lubbock, Texas.

With our close proximity to Reese, our airport facilities are utilized by the pilots being trained on landing approaches by an average of five (5) per day for a total approximately of 1500 per year. Even though actual landings are not made, our airport records these transactions and are reported as airport traffic operations to F.A.A.

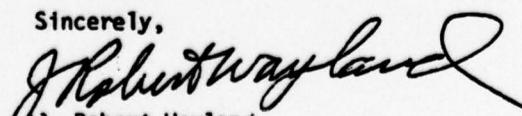
In case of an emergency or diversion, our facilities would be in use by Reese if needed.

All the above are courtesies from our airport that are extended to Reese Air Force Base. The Plainview Kiwanis Club has an annual Air Show here the first week in September. Such outstanding groups as the Blue Angels and other air crafts that cannot land on our runways go to Reese for refueling and other requirements. This is an accommodation that is of much importance to Plainview and our immediate area.

The environmental impact would be tremendous if Reese Air Force Base was closed; not only to Lubbock, but to the entire Panhandle and South Plains of Texas.

Very definitely Plainview is interested in keeping Reese Air Force Base open at Lubbock and sincerely hopes that due consideration be given to see that everything be done to keep the base as it now stands.

Sincerely,

  
J. Robert Wayland  
Mayor

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VERBATIM TRANSCRIPT OF A STATEMENT BY  
JACK DULANEY, MAYOR, SHALLOWATER, TEXAS

Mr. Secretary, Colonel Smith, and panel, I'm Jack Dulaney, Mayor, Shallowater, Texas, of approximately 1800 people. We're located northeast of your air base about eight miles, and over a period of years we've had a very warm and gratifying relationship with you. We have a Class A school and we have approximately 45 students from your Air Force personnel and your Civil Service people who are working there. We have many things that I could add which, as the gentleman ahead of me said, would be just saying it over again, but we would feel an economic impact, and we've always just considered this part of us, or us here on the plains, and we feel like it would be a great loss to our city and we would be thinking that if you did close us down, that you'd be making a mistake, because we feel like we have such good flying hours and such wonderful people out here that our Air Force can benefit very, very much from it. Thank you, sir.

COL SMITH: Thank you. Mayor Dulaney, I think Reese Air Force Base was named after a former resident of Shallowater, wasn't it?

MAYOR DULANEY: Yes, sir.

COL SMITH: As I read in the information out there yesterday.

MAYOR DULANEY: Yes, sir, that's right.

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VERBATIM TRANSCRIPT OF A STATEMENT BY  
J. N. LANDRETH, MAYOR, SLATON, TEXAS

Good evening, gentlemen. Undoubtedly the closing of Reese Air Force Base would be a severe shock to the general Lubbock area. Schools, business in general, surrounding towns would feel the results. I understand that the retired military personnel in the area use the hospital base facilities, is that correct? I've been told that. That would be quite an interesting thing and be valuable to us. By being here, 3,000 military and civil personnel involved in the base, the results can be felt for some distance. There are only nine personnel at Slaton, some 25 miles away, that are involved out there; that is, three civilians, six military. And of course the presence of those at the base stimulates the business and involves many others in the local business and the general area. And I observed some of the operations at Reese and, while I'm not experienced in that field, their performance training seems to me to be excellent. Also, it seems like another thing that's been emphasized here tonight, the three colleges, particularly the large one, Texas Tech, offers a great advantage to military personnel and their families. I ask that the authorities decide to leave the base in operations now situated. Thank you, gentlemen.

Landreth

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VERBATIM TRANSCRIPT OF A STATEMENT BY  
ROBERT THOMAS, SLATON CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

Colonel and members of the panel, I am Bob Thomas, Executive Vice President, Slaton Chamber of Commerce. Slaton Chamber of Commerce has carefully studied the impact that the closing of Reese Air Force Base might have on this area. A number of factors have been presented to you tonight, among those economic, educational, and other demographic factors. Rather than take up any more of your time, we would particularly like to stress to you that you carefully consider these factors and we would point out the outstanding relationship that this area has had with Reese Air Force Base, and we feel very seriously that the closing of Reese Air Force Base would take away one of the outstanding factors in contributions to making this area one of the great areas in this nation. Thank you very much.

Thomas

VERBATIM TRANSCRIPT OF A STATEMENT BY  
JAMES VARDY, MAYOR, WOLFFORTH, TEXAS

Colonel Smith, members of the panel, it's my pleasure to speak to the Secretary of the Air Force through you. My name is James Vardy. I'm the Mayor of the city of Wolfforth. Wolfforth is located in the southwest quarter of Lubbock County, a leading cotton and grain sorghum producing county. Wolfforth is a market center, with processing and storage facilities. The town is located 10 miles southwest of Lubbock and 7 miles south of Reese Air Force Base. Wolfforth has had and should continue to have a healthy agricultural economy. In addition, the economy should be increased as more and more people want to live in a smaller town and work in a city. The primary source of employment in Wolfforth is agriculture and agribusiness. Wolfforth is also the home for many persons who work in Lubbock, as well as persons who work at Reese Air Force Base. This work force includes both military and civilian personnel. The city of Wolfforth has an estimated population of 1,350. The projected population for the city of Wolfforth in 1980 will be somewhere between 1,530 and 1600. The city of Wolfforth has benefited in its growth from the existence and services of Reese Air Force Base. Closing of this base would be detrimental to the city of Wolfforth in several ways, but in at least three major ways, and they are as follows: financial, potential population growth, and disaster protection.

In the area of financial, if Reese Air Force Base was to close there would be approximately 25 to 30 Wolfforth families directly involved in the loss of jobs. This could possibly reduce the population of the town by 150 persons. Loss of jobs might result in the vacating of 25 to 30 homes. This would result in the loss of approximately \$4,000 a year in property taxes and \$7,000 a year in revenue from the sale of city services. A loss of jobs would also take a potential payroll of \$200 to \$300 thousand dollars a year from the economy of Wolfforth. These losses would directly affect the business community in such areas as banking, retail outlets, and real estate development.

In potential population growth, the projected population growth for the city of Wolfforth would be severely hampered by a closing of Reese Air Force Base. The closing would cause several families to move from the city. Wolfforth is the home for many former military families who decided to live here upon their retirement from military service. With the base closed, our city would lose a valuable resource of families choosing to live in Wolfforth. The city of Wolfforth will slow down in its growth if the base is closed.

In disaster protection, the city of Wolfforth and Reese Air Force Base have a close working relationship in this broad area of disaster protection,

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natural disasters, and civil disasters. The city has negotiated a mutual aid agreement for fire protection. This particular service is most vital, as Wolfforth has the responsibility of providing fire protection in the southwest area of rural Lubbock County. This is due to the fact that the city of Lubbock cannot fight fires outside the city limits of Lubbock. The city of Wolfforth could be in a vulnerable position without the backup service of Reese Fire Department when a fire occurs in the rural area of Lubbock County. Reese Air Force Base has offered technical assistance to the city of Wolfforth in developing disaster plans, both natural and civil. Our city would lose this assistance and would greatly miss the assistance if the base were to close.

In summary, the city of Wolfforth benefits from and appreciates the existence of Reese Air Force Base. We would urge that the base not be considered for closure by the Secretary of Air Force. The townspeople of Wolfforth appreciate the services offered to our city by the base. Our city has benefited from the work force of the base that have chosen to live in our town. The work force of Reese Air Force Base have contributed financially, socially, civically, and culturally to the growth of the city of Wolfforth. We consider Reese Air Force Base as a permanent resident of this area and ask that the Secretary of Air Force adopt the same position. Thank you.

VERBATIM TRANSCRIPT OF A STATEMENT BY  
BOB BROWN, MAYOR, HALE CENTER, TEXAS

Out of consideration for your ears and everyone else's, I'll cut this as short as possible. As mayor of one of the outlying, smaller communities that would be affected by a closing, I would like to say how the people feel up that way. We're about 35 miles north of Lubbock. Economically we would probably be affected less than some of the people that have school children from Reese in their school systems. And as far as the economics for the Air Force, you fellows are well aware of the economics from that standpoint, but I would like to point out that as long as the Air Force needs pilots, you have an excellent facility here and an excellent place to train. Having flown from coast to coast and border to border, we've had as good a flying weather here for training pilots as anywhere that I've flown. I reiterate the fact that Lubbock is a fine place to live. As Lubbock goes, so goes the South Plains. Lubbock is the hub of the South Plains, and we would all like to see Reese Air Force Base stay here. Personally, I feel that Reese Air Force Base is a major part of the South Plains area, and the high plains, and it's a part that we're proud of, and we'd all definitely like to see it stay. Thank you.

Brown

VERBATIM TRANSCRIPT OF A STATEMENT BY  
MRS. J. W. RANDOLPH, ROUTE 1, SHALLOWATER, TEXAS

Mr. Secretary, Colonel Smith, and panel. After all of these eloquent speeches, you would think that I would not be able to come up here. I'm not a speaker, I don't pretend to be, and it is very convenient that the media is all gone so that any of the opposition will not be heard, but I do want to point out some things. Of course, I have no idea, have no thought whatever, that Reese will be closed. But considering the fact that I have five minutes to express my views when I have listened to the jets, the planes, over my home and breathed the pollution for 34 years, I guess that's very generous to have five minutes.

COL SMITH: Mrs. Randolph, you're not limited to five minutes. I just stated earlier that, depending on the number of speakers and times, I'd like to keep it to five and ten minutes. If you were here at the beginning, you heard me say that's not a hard and fast rule.

MRS. RANDOLPH: Thank you. I'm just going to read some things that I have written here. The first thing I want to say is I would like to challenge each one of you. There have been dollars jangled all over the place. That's been the main concern, dollars and education. Could any of you survive very long by eating dollars and education? I am a farm woman, I've lived on a farm all of my life, and I'm very, very proud of it. I think farm people have contributed more to the economy of this nation than any other group of people. And we are a group of farmers being affected out there. I'm not speaking for anyone but myself, but I'll tell you one thing. The farmers of this nation are more important than the President, the Congress, the cities, the Army, Navy, Marines, the Air Force, or anyone else, because without the farmers that produce the food, not one of you could exist for very long. I think you're aware of that.

We have lived there since Reese was established. We built our home, we have worked for it, we have been there almost 50 years, and that was our goal. We've lived there ever since 1942. We got our farm, we built our home. We have lived there without complaining, but since this zoning bill is coming up, now that is something else to try to live with. Colonel Mendel has told me that we are not affected by it, but according to the map in their AICUZ booklet, the only thing that I can see that we are. And we are affected in more ways than one. It's said in the booklet that nothing that will draw birds, such as a sanitary land fill or certain vegetation growth, which includes our grain, and any of you know how important the production of grain is to this nation. Of course, the area around Reese is not all of it, but it's a part of it. And, if you realize--it seems like people do not realize that the farmer is being backed off of the most fertile irrigated land and it is being

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COL SMITH: Who conveyed that information to you? Who did you say?

MRS. RANDOLPH: The Underground Water Conservation District here in Lubbock.

COL SMITH: Thank you.

MRS. RANDOLPH: And this water is being pumped out and it cannot be replenished. And of course, as you know, this country is highly dependent on irrigation--grain and cotton production--and the geologists are very concerned about the water. They are asking people to save every drop they can. That is another problem. It hasn't been mentioned here. All that has been mentioned is well and good. It's dollars, it's education, and that seems to be the main concern of the world today. But I think it's time people became concerned about the food and fiber of this nation, because the farmers are expected to feed and clothe the world, practically. We're called on to produce more, produce more. We're being backed off of this fertile farm land by things like this that I have mentioned, and then called on to produce more, and I don't think it's just for them to expect it. And this water, this 3 million gallons, this is 310 acre feet of water per month; 310 acre feet per month which Reese uses, and it's coming from our underground supply. And there are other areas where these pilots can be trained, and it has admittedly been spoken that there are an excess of pilots already trained. And why we have to continue to breathe this air pollution, listen to this sound day and night. And no mention at all has been made of Hurlwood, Texas. That is the little community which is at the end of the runways, and they plan to buy this community. Hurlwood was there before Reese was there, years before. And our cotton gins are there; there's three cotton gins in this place and a fertilizer plant, distributing plant. And that will affect farmers in that area, because--you probably don't understand the situation, but farmers have a terrible time getting to the cotton gin as it is. This gin furnishes numerous trailers to the farmers, and it's hard to get a trailer unloaded and get it back, and with adverse weather coming on, then the farmers stand to lose--

COL SMITH: Now, how does the Air Force Base affect that situation?

MRS. RANDOLPH: They're going to buy that and move it. Hurlwood, the little community of Hurlwood, they plan to buy that and move it, I mean just do away with it. Well, that will have an adverse effect on the entire community, because of piling up the cotton in bad weather. It seems that there is some kind of an organization or agency to help or to protect nearly everybody. The federal government protects the civil rights of certain groups of people. The Environmental Protection Agency protects animals, trees, land, waterways. And there's something to protect everything except farm people. Now, you may say that Washington has the Department of Agriculture, which by rights should work for

put under asphalt cement--air bases, colleges, cities--and it seems so unnecessary when there is land, plenty of it, even in Texas, where these planes could be safer and fly over unpopulated territory. For instance, at Del Rio, the base down there, they have a great area where they would not have to fly over--it's ranchland--they would not have to fly over our homes. If you could just be in my home. Now, I realize--

COL SMITH: How far do you--I'd like to get it for the record--how far do you live in miles from Reese Air Force Base?

MRS. RANDOLPH: I live 4 miles north from the gate and about 3--a little less than 3 west.

COL SMITH: Thank you. I just wanted it for the record so that they would know your position.

MRS. RANDOLPH: And, well, incidentally, if you've heard of it, the plane which crashed in August was on our farm, and this plane came right directly towards our house; and they are making their turn when they get to our house, just as they come to it, and all day long it's just been one right after another. And I thought, while ago when they were talking about, when you were speaking of the increase that would be in Lubbock, how could any more of them get in the air at a time? And there is so many things. It's almost unbearable sometimes. The air pollution. If the air currents are right and we have our windows open, it drifts into our house, and I have been made ill on one occasion with headache and severe nausea, and every time I breathed I could taste that and smell it. It was terrific, the pollution that was in our home. And you can walk out the door--recently on two mornings in succession, you walked out the door and, oh, it was horrible, the air currents. It's not that way all the time.

And then another thing I want to point out is the water situation. Reese uses, according to this booklet--

COL SMITH: The Draft Environmental Impact Statement.

MRS. RANDOLPH: According to that, Reese uses 3 million gallons of water per day, which comes from the Ogallala water, where we get our water for irrigation. Now, the information I have from the Underground Water Conservation District in Lubbock says that this water that is furnished Reese comes from Muleshoe, Texas; it's underground water. Somebody told me that--from the base--that it is not underground water, that it's Lake Meredith water. Also from this same source I was told just today that the federal government will not allow Reese to use Lake Meredith water because it is not of a high enough quality.

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the farmer. But I just want to read a little here to prove to you just how much they do.

COL SMITH: Now, this is in relationship to environmental impact that would result in the community if Reese Air Force Base closed?

MRS. RANDOLPH: Yes.

COL SMITH: All right.

MRS. RANDOLPH: The agriculture business around there is tied in so closely with it that it must be explained. This came out in the Avalanche-Journal. And the Agriculture Department should work for the farmer. The article from the Avalanche-Journal reports that the Wheat Producers Association tried to arrange for the wheat sales in the Philippines. They were told that the US Agriculture Department advises them to wait a few months before buying American food, that the price might go down. Now, who's that helping? It's not helping the farmer. And I bring this just to point out that this Environmental Protection Agency--I called Washington, DC, the office up there--they could give me no information.

COL SMITH: Mrs. Randolph, you're going to have to keep more on the point as to the local area here. I've let you speak for 20 minutes and I don't mind you continuing, but the Secretary of the Air Force is interested in the local effect, as opposed to effects in other parts of the country. I just want you to confine your comments to how it will affect the area.

MRS. RANDOLPH: Well, this affects the area in the fact that Reese is using our water and gas and electricity which is needed to pump water for the farm community. And another thing, speaking of these gins. Now, I don't know--I was bringing up, coming up to this on this Environmental Protection Agency--I don't know who they're supposed to help, but we could get no help. They did help Reese, or someone did, help Reese to cause the Hurlwood gin to spend thousands of dollars, which was in turn passed on to the farmer, to keep down pollution for them. When we breathe their pollution--

COL SMITH: I'm going to let you speak for 3 more minutes, and that will have given you 23 minutes.

MRS. RANDOLPH: Well, I'll just skip that. In order to promote public health, safety, peace, comfort, and convenience and general welfare of the inhabitants of the airfield, it is necessary to control and regulate future growth and development. That's in their book. And they go on then about the landfill. The Air Force cannot guarantee that AICUZ boundaries will not change. They're planning on this zoning and for years to come. They go on to say that, that they will be in on this zoning, this planning. And it's affecting the farmlands in the area and our homes, and this is very unpleasant. Thank you very much.

Randolph

VERBATIM TRANSCRIPT OF A STATEMENT BY  
GONZALO GARZA, CHAIRMAN, AMERICAN GI FORUM

Colonel Smith, gentlemen of the panel, my name is Gonzalo Garza. I am the Chairman of the American GI Forum, a veterans' organization of Lubbock. Although I did not prepare a written statement, there will be one prepared. I do want to say that the American GI Forum is fully behind the continued operation of Reese Air Force Base. Thank you.

Garza

VERBATIM TRANSCRIPT OF A STATEMENT BY  
ALFRED BUCHALTER

Sir, I'm Alfred Buchalter. I'm a retired Air Force master sergeant. I live here in Lubbock. And I wish to address my remarks to the Secretary of the Air Force and I thank him for the opportunity of being able to appear here, and I thank you, Colonel Smith, and the committee for this opportunity.

Twenty-five years ago yesterday, I joined the United States Air Force, and I retired on the 31st day of December, 1971. For the past five years I've been going to Texas Tech University.

I wish to depart from my remarks here and I would just like to generally comment on the impact not only upon Lubbock, the county, the area, but the impact upon our nation. I realize that we have a financial budget and I realize that one of the reasons for this looking into the possibility of closing two Air Force bases is financially connected, but I would like to remind the Secretary and all our citizens what the communists said as early as the 1930s, that "we will put on the greatest peace campaign the world has ever seen. The capitalist countries are anxious to rid themselves of this financial burden, and we'll lull them to sleep with our songs of peace, and when they are asleep we shall strike them with one blow." Now, this is a paraphrase of the remarks, but all we have to do is look at the threats to our country for the past 25 years, look how ill prepared we were at the time of Korea, look at the things that happened since. Now, I realize that we have reduced our pilot training load, but tomorrow, next week, next month, we might well need to have the bases we have, and I speak for all of them. I think that it would be ill advised to close any, but if we have to close, if budget requirements do require this, I personally was stationed at Craig for five years. I know--and this was just prior to my retirement--I know that the base is composed of at least 75 percent of World War II type structures. I've been down to Webb at Big Spring and I know of their runway problems. And I know Reese and I know how well equipped it is. I also know of the amount of money that's been put into Reese. And if we close Reese, yes, I'm personally going to be affected. That's probably my most motivating factor, you might say, for being here. But I am deeply concerned, having spent 20 years wearing the same uniform, having spent five years being a citizen, if you might say, and seeing it on the outside, and believe me, I am deeply concerned that we have forgotten Khrushchev's statement, "We will bury you." Are we so ill advised that we will forget our responsibilities to keep this nation and keep it strong?

There are about, as I understand it, I'm not positive of my figures, about 800 of us who are military retirees in this area who live in Lubbock.

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Many did the same thing I did. When they retired they came here because of Texas Tech University, to get their degree, and the fact that we would have certain retiree rights, including medical privileges. Gentlemen, I'd like to call attention to the public who may not realize this, but our medical benefits at Reese have been somewhat limited, as they have been throughout the United States, again for the lack of funds and the ability to get qualified doctors. But I have been treated exceptionally well out there. I have been given every possible medical treatment that a person can get. They saved my life out there. And so I have a deep personal commitment to them. I'd like to see the base stay open. If the base closes, for us who are retirees we will have to revert to CHAMPUS. Many of us have. For those who do not know this, this is a military government type program combined with the civilian aspect of it, whereby 75 percent of our medical costs are paid for by the government. Seventy-five percent of the average fees of two years ago--two years ago--so if we're unfortunate enough not to have insurance, not only do we pay the 25 percent but we pay the difference between the excepted fee. Additionally, and we have good doctors here in Lubbock, but many of these doctors for obvious reasons will not accept CHAMPUS because CHAMPUS does not pay the 75 percent of their normal fee.

I could go on and on, and I don't want to take any more time, but I do not believe that the closing of Reese Air Force Base or any of these bases will benefit our country. I believe it will endanger our country. I believe that these bases that we think of closing, if pilot training is their only mission and we are reducing pilots, I'm sure that there are other military missions that could be incorporated here. If Reese, for example, would no longer train pilots, I think the runways are long enough for other types of aircraft. I urge the Secretary of the Air Force to consider these aspects and to keep Reese Air Force Base open, and all the others if possible. Thank you.

(Letter attached)

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November 8, 1976

Secretary of the Air Force  
and the Committee Studying  
the Environmental Impact of

A Closure of Reese AFB, Texas

Gentlemen:

Twenty-five years ago yesterday, I joined the United States Air Force, and I went on to serve on active duty until December 31, 1971, at which time, I retired with just over 20 years service. During my service I moved a total of 18 times, and I saw the country we love go through several threats bordering on the outbreak of World War III. From our ill-preparedness which provoked the Korean War to the 1954 Indo-China loss to the Reds, to the Berlin Wall, to Cuba's demise when we failed to live up to our commitment at the Bay of Pigs, to our cowardly retreat from Vietnam, to the present cries of "military waste" from very shortsighted people, including our leadership and representatives in Washington.... Where will it end?

In the 1930's, the Communists in the Soviet Union made it quite clear, when their leadership said that "We will put on the greatest peace campaign the world has ever known. The capitalist countries, ever anxious to reduce the financial burden of arms, will jump at the chance to disarm. We shall thus lull them to sleep with songs of peace. Then and only then, shall we strike -- and with one blow we shall destroy them!!" All these words I have given here are a paraphrase from my memory, but I remember so well, having been in Asia and in Germany -- nations that either cannot defend against Communism or who won't for fear that it is better to join your enemy than to go down to defeat.

I am a loyal American who grew up during the Depression, and I saw our great land rise above its misery and build anew. I yelled every patriotic yell and sang every victory song I could during World War II. I was only 14 years old, but everyone I knew was either in the service or doing something to further our war effort.

You say, "It is different to-day." Yes, it is different. There is no declared war, and we Americans forget Pearl Harbor, and we sure have forgotten in many other ways the pride and joy of living in the "Land of the free and the home of the brave." Cut the budget! --- Save dollars! What do we need so large an Army and Air Force! Who cares about the lazy guy who stays in the military -- surely he is lazy and is far overpaid for what little he does! In fact, his pay equals or exceeds his civilian counterpart and he gets everything free from clothes to no income tax. ----- I have heard it all and so have you. We both know it is a self-deceiving lie and most decent

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Americans support our Armed Forces and realize that if we are to survive, and if we are going to pass on this great heritage to our children's children, we must always be stronger than our adversaries, or have we forgotten what Mr. Krushev said a few years ago, "We will bury you!" Ask the present Kremlin leadership this question, "How many military bases are you closing this year -- didn't you close more than 100 in the past ten years like us?"

You can be sure that Russia nor China has weakened its capacity to wage war in the past decade. In fact, you are well aware, more than I, that the Russians and Chinese are both spending a disproportionate share of their national wealth on defense and offense. Why are we so stupid? Do we really believe that if we stick our heads in the sand the Russian bear will disappear?

What has all this patriotic rhetoric have to do with closing Reese Air Force Base? When I drive around the base and see the brick buildings where once those of us lived in wooden shacks; when I see that beautiful block square simulator building and that T-38 go skimming overhead; when I stop, get out of my car, and stare at that beautiful 50-star red, white, and blue flag whip straight and strong in the Texas breeze -- it pulls at my heart strings to know that this base, yes, and others like it, may close because someone thinks that because there is a temporary pilot surplus, ~~WE NEED NO MORE TRAINING.~~ Yes, all men in the Armed Forces are surplus when there is no actual fighting involving our country. I know as a trained member of the Air Force for over 20 years, and as a civilian for the past 5 years, that we have trimmed "all the fat" that can be trimmed. Our next slice will be into the very heart of our ability to prevent another war. Reese, as a pilot training base, cannot be made over and reactivated in this day of modern warfare. We cannot build airplanes if our industrial complex has already been destroyed. We cannot train pilots in 30 seconds.

Lastly, but still importantly, what about the impact upon the community? Sure, Lubbock is a rich town with wonderful people, and if Reese closes, this community will survive. Probably, the loss in terms of dollars to the community will not be as severe as for Big Spring, Texas or Selma, Alabama. But let's look at the impact selfishly in terms of our country. Webb Air Force Base and Craig Air Force Base are needed, if we can update them. Webb needs another runway and buildings are in need of replacement or repair. Craig, where I was stationed for five years, just prior to retirement, is at least 75% World War II structured, with many dollars needed to bring it up to standard. Reese Air Force Base has been kept up better and is at least 95% up-to-date, with modernized buildings, hangers, and facilities. If a choice has to be made, as our Mayor Bass has stated, business sense dictates that Reese Air Force Base should remain open.

To me, and the nearly 800 retirees, plus dependents who live in Lubbock, we do have a selfish interest in seeing this base remain

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open. I cannot deny that I personally would be hurt with the loss of my free medical care, the commissary, the base exchange, and other basic benefits. This impact upon the retired military community in Lubbock cannot be ignored. In the name of "savings", we have lost much in the way of medical care at Reese because of the doctor cutbacks; many of the traditional military benefits, even the more recent ones such as CHAMPUS medical benefits that were designed to cover situations such as the cutback in doctors -- all have been reduced. As how many civilian doctors in Lubbock will accept CHAMPUS payments. Most will not, because the monetary payment by the government has been changed to the schedule of average fees of two years ago. When a retiree has serious medical problems, such as I do, the "impact" of closing Reese and its remaining medical facility, would have a severe impact upon me in terms of thousands of dollars lost. I could go on and on, but as a patriotic American, I am willing to forego my benefits, if only it would preserve our way of life for my child and others like him.

But Mr. Secretary, I do not believe closing Reese (or the other bases for that matter), will benefit our country. To the contrary, I believe such actions endanger our beloved United States. I urge that Reese Air Force Base remain open, if there must be a closing of any pilot training bases. I believe it is best equipped to carry out the mission. And without it, I believe we are endangering our security.

I beg you to keep Reese Air Force Base open as a vital part of our national defense.

Sincerely yours,

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VERBATIM TRANSCRIPT OF A STATEMENT BY  
LUCIANO PEREZ

Gentlemen, my name is Luciano Perez. I'm the Human Relations Director for the City of Lubbock. I have a statement prepared by Tony Reyes, President of the LULACs, that I would like to read for him.

(Statement attached)

Perez

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November 8, 1976

Mr. Chairman:

Fellow citizens my name is Tony Reyes and I am the President of the ubbock LULAC. I am here to represent the Council 263 of League of United Latin American Citizens, Council 666 of the League of United Latin American Citizens, and Council 281 of the League of United Latin American Citizens. I have been asked to come here tonight to express the feelings of the Mexican American Community with regards to the presence of Reese Air Force Base as a vital part of our Community.

It is not my intent tonight to dwell on the economic impact that Reese Air Force Base has on our city, but I will mention two important points in this area.

First, is the positive effect of the presence of a major Equal Opportunity Employer in the city, it is vital and very necessary.

Second, because of the presence of this Equal Opportunity Employer, many of our people are afforded working employment opportunities and adequate means of livelihood.

My main purpose for being here however, is to discuss the non-economic impact of Reese Air Force Base in the community. I shall like to stress two points.

First, is the vital contribution made by the Reese Mexican American Club to our city. Through the efforts of the Reese Mexican American Club, the doors of Reese have been opened to the Mexican American Community.

- 1) League of Latin American Citizens (LULAC), 2) G. I. Forum,
- 3) Texas Tech United Mexican American Students (TTUMAS), 4) Association

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of Mexican American Women, 5) SER - Jobs for Progress, 6) COMA, and many other Mexican American Organizations have worked with and learned to appreciate the contribution of the Reese Mexican American Club to our community and Reese Air Force Base as an institution.

Second, and more importantly, our youth is inspired and motivated by the favorable image presented by Mexican American personnel at Reese and by Reese Air Force Base in general.

The LULAC Councils of Lubbock commend Reese Air Force Base, its military and civilian personnel, and respectfully submit to the Secretary of the United States Air Force our request that he look with favor at the continued operation of Reese Air Force base.

VERBATIM TRANSCRIPT OF A STATEMENT BY  
ROBERT HUFFMAN, HURLWOOD, TEXAS

I'm Robert Huffman. I thank you for listening to me. I'm here representing only myself and my interest in the township of Hurlwood. Till Mrs. Randolph, nobody had even mentioned Hurlwood, but I live there, so I'm interested, and it would seem maybe that I'm the opposition here, as Mrs. Randolph, and that I am for the closing of Reese Air Force Base. Due to a project by the Air Force called AICUZ project, they intend to acquire the entire city of Hurlwood.

COL SMITH: Now, for the record, just state again where Hurlwood is located in relationship to Reese Air Force Base.

MR. HUFFMAN: Hurlwood begins about 500 feet south of the short runway to Reese Air Force Base and continues for about half a mile.

COL SMITH: Thank you.

MR. HUFFMAN: If the base remains open, we'll lose the entire city or town of Hurlwood. It will all be gone, by this AICUZ program. I hope that this will be considered in the closing of Reese Air Force Base, that we don't want to lose our little town. Thank you.

Huffman

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VERBATIM TRANSCRIPT OF A STATEMENT BY  
ALAN HENRY, LUBBOCK CITY COUNCILMAN

My name is Alan Henry. I'm a member of the Lubbock City Council, and I had not intended to speak but two things have come up that I think we do need to clarify. One is the water supply source of Reese Air Force Base. I think there is some misunderstanding there that you will be amply able to work out later, but I did want to make that point, that there is some misunderstanding about where the water supply of Reese Air Force Base comes from. Secondly, I have just returned today from the Conference of Mayors in Chicago, and was late for this meeting for this reason, and in sitting here listening tonight to the various reasons, pro and con, for Reese Air Force Base, it appears to me that we have spent a great deal of time talking about a one to one ratio, the friendships that we have here, the money that's involved, but there's another element that I think that we have not, probably, talked about quite as much as we should. It came to me that several of the big city mayors--Detroit, other mayors--made quite a bit of to-do about the fact that there's too much money going to the military and that maybe just a little bit of that money ought to be siphoned off and used for other projects. Gentlemen, I'm here to tell you tonight that there is no place in this country that the military is held in higher regard than in West Texas--and that would be true whether there's a Reese Air Force Base or not a Reese Air Force Base--and I think this is extremely important, because no matter what it means to us personally we feel, almost to a person, that the military budget is something that needs to be kept in the budget, and whether Reese Air Force Base is here or not, I think that the people of West Texas will stand by this thought. Thank you, sir.

Henry

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Lubbock, Texas  
November 9, 1976

Secretary of Air Force  
Washington D.C.

Dear Sir:

On November 8th a crew of Air Force Officers were in Lubbock to hear reasons why or why not Reese Air Force Training Base should continue or cease to be.

I, for one, do not represent any group or body except the "Silent Majority" who are burgeoning under excessive taxes more and more, every year that goes by.

As a former Air Force Officer, who was a pilot in W.W. II, I feel that I know somewhat of which I speak. After the cessation of hostilities in 1945 I hung up my wings and went back into civilian life, feeling that we won the war and there would be no more need for military personnel except a nucleus which should stay in service and be the cadre for any future regimentation of personnel in case we were invaded or our nation was in danger of being invaded.

But since 1945 we have kept base after base open and training pilots by the thousands, and for what, may I ask? We were involved in conflict in Korea which we had no business being in, and we came out the losers. We were involved in conflict in Viet Nam, which again we had no business. Again we came out the losers in spite of the loss of approximately 80,000 of America's finest men. They had the utmost in planes and equipment that money could buy. But no, they were not allowed to win. Why? So what good does it do to train more pilots when they can't win a war or even a "police action".

I say this most emphatically! Close all training bases down except one, and the remaining one should be chosen by you. In that existing base train pilots at the fastest rate possible and of the best quality as possible. Relieve the taxpayer of these excessive taxes that it takes to keep these bases open such as Reese, Webb, Columbus, Sheppard, Craig and wherever they are. The 60 million dollars necessary to keep each of these bases open to train foreign pilots, airline pilots, private commercial pilots and such would not have to be spent and therefore would not have to be collected in the first place; thereby bringing greater prosperity to the nation as a whole.

In the event of a war, there are thousands and thousands of pilots living today who would be more than glad to again take up arms if we were invaded or threatened to be invaded. I would be among the first to volunteer, knowing I would not or could not fly one of the modern sophisticated planes of today but there would be something I could do.

Our enemy is not in Moscow or Peking or any other foreign city. He is much closer to home. To name the two cities where our enemy is most prevalent, I would point to New York City and Washington D.C.

My voice is only one, but by the Grace of God I have spoken.

Sincerely,

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